

editorial

We are delighted to introduce you to this latest edition of **carr**'s biannual *risk®ulation* magazine. The main emphasis of this issue is on 'boundaries' and transboundary regulation. The choice of this theme is informed by the completion of our three-year Horizon2020-funded project on 'transboundary crisis management' in the context of the European Union. However, questions of boundaries (and how to overcome them) are at the heart of many of **carr**'s activities – whether this relates to our research or the overcoming of boundaries in communicating our findings.

carr's work on 'transboundary crises' involved seven partner institutions. During the three-year duration of this EU-funded study, questions regarding 'transboundariness' were never far away from the political headlines, making our work ever more relevant. For one, the refugee crisis highlighted the challenges for the EU and its member states in dealing with large migration flows. The Brexit process illustrates on a daily basis the tricky choices that are involved when individual states seek to negotiate their role in a context of economic, political and social interdependence. The political crises surrounding Catalonia highlighted that territorial politics are not just reserved for the United Kingdom. Finally, our project partner, the Central European University, became the target of the Hungarian government's efforts at installing an 'illiberal democracy'. Such volatile, if not hostile circumstances make the kind of public-minded research that **carr** is committed to ever more relevant, but also challenging. The project's website (www.transcrisis.eu) offers insights into our work that spans the boundaries between research and policy advice, whether this relates to research findings, blogs, an e-module, or the White Paper containing policy recommendations. We also produced a series of animated films that introduce the key themes emerging from our collective research.

This issue contains two articles that draw on the TransCrisis project. Lydie Cabane and Martin Lodge introduce some key themes emerging from the project, whereas András Bíró-Nagy, a member of the

TransCrisis advisory board, discusses options for the EU in dealing with member states showing a distinct lack of enthusiasm for liberal democratic constitutional conventions.

Boundaries are also central to other articles in this issue. The article by Gill Kernick on the Grenfell Tower disaster in London highlights how diffuse responsibilities can set the context for the death of 72 people. Bruno Cunha and Martin Lodge's articles discuss the limits of existing regulatory approaches in the contexts of development regulation, and competition policy respectively. Meghan Leaver notes how the need to introduce the 'human factor' is essential in advancing risk management approaches in the financial services. Katherina Glyniadaki, in turn, considers the identity conflicts that arise when street-level bureaucrats deal with moral polylemma. Problems of regulatory systems dealing with new business models emerging from new technologies are at the heart of Jeremy Brice's contribution.

carr's activities are by design transboundary. **carr**'s role as the leading international venue for research and exchange on questions of risk and regulation demands that we explore socially relevant questions across disciplines, sectors and geographical locations. Innovation emerges from the interaction at the boundaries where disciplinary interests overlap rather than in the heartlands of 'pure' disciplinary concerns.

Yet, changing boundaries in the political and research policy landscapes can also represent an existential challenge to **carr**'s work and role. We are committed to continuing **carr**'s contribution to the worlds of inter- and transdisciplinary research and practice by maintaining our focus on public-minded research centred on fundamental questions of societal relevance, and we are grateful for your continued support in this endeavour.

Martin Lodge and Andrea Mennicken