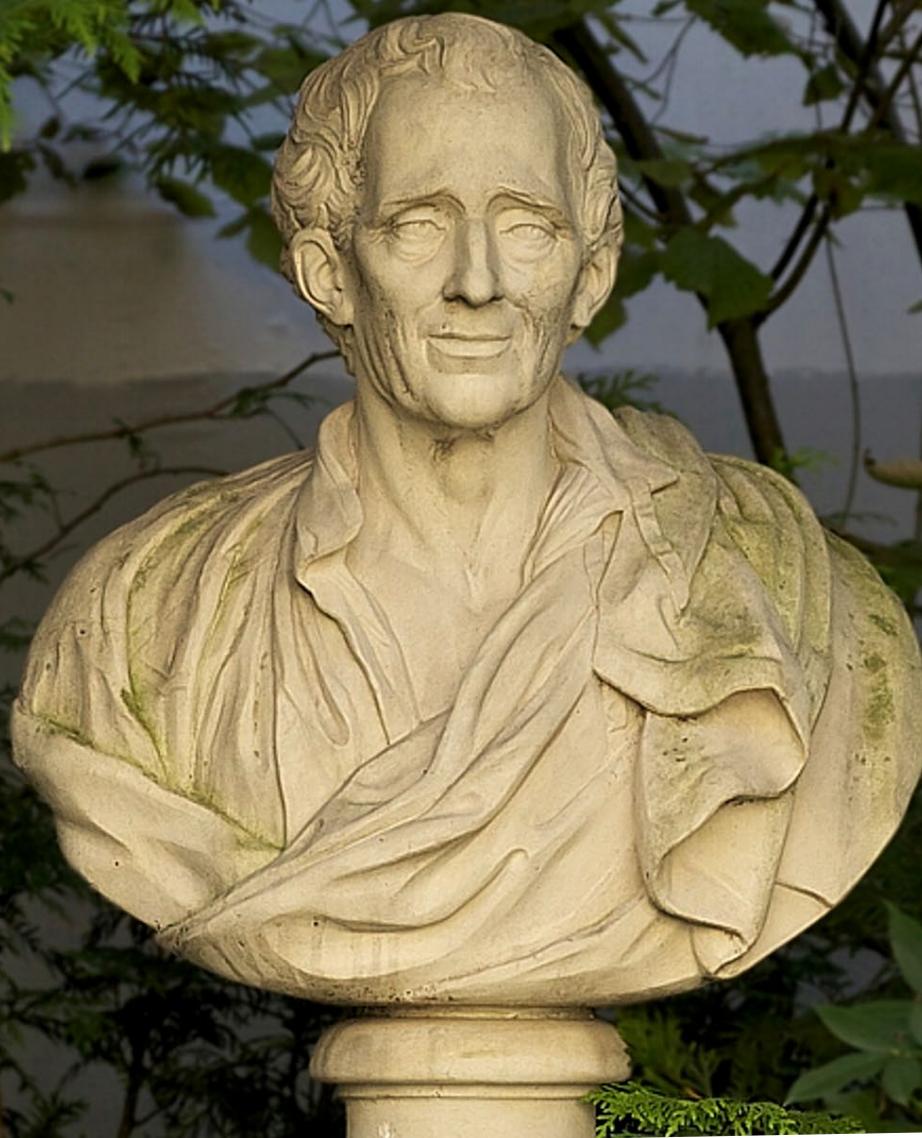


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A review is a collective adventure. This first issue is obviously not the beginning of that adventure, but it is its first expression. It was in the course of a conversation on the future of French law faculties that Marie-Claire Ponthoreau floated this idea, which I hastened to seize upon. It quickly emerged that, for the Montesquieu Law Review to be a publication in the spirit of Bordeaux – i.e. cosmopolitan – it could not be produced exclusively by the city’s legal academics. Professors Jean-Bernard Auby and Mireille Delmas-Marty, both of whom have worked so tirelessly in promoting French legal culture, graciously agreed straightaway to chair the Scientific Board.

But a review, like a child, does not just need parents; it must also have godparents. Leading personalities in France and overseas, known throughout the legal world, have agreed to stand as the review’s “godparents”. Yet more will join their ranks over time. The review will therefore have to take up the challenge that such a gift represents. In order to guarantee its quality, the MLR had to have a Scientific Board composed of both French and foreign colleagues, all acknowledged specialists in their chosen fields, tasked with ensuring the accuracy and relevance of the information and discussions contained in the articles; those asked were generous enough to answer the call.

A review also consists of a group of authors. My colleagues at the University of Bordeaux’s Faculty of Law and Political Science have shown the greatest enthusiasm for this inaugural issue: some have contributed articles themselves, while others approached colleagues for papers. In order for the MLR to publish two general issues and two special issues every year, this momentum must be maintained, and it is our hope that many French and foreign authors will contribute to subsequent editions. The review would not have seen the light of day without a project manager, Rachael Singh, whose linguistic and legal skills serve in the translating and editing of articles submitted by authors.

I offer my wholehearted and sincere thanks to all those who have agreed to embark on this adventure, which is also very efficiently supported by IdEx Bordeaux. It is our hope that the MLR will garner many loyal friends and readers.