

WORD OF THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dear Readers,

We present to you the new issue of the journal 'Społeczeństwo i Polityka'. We consistently pursue our goals of interdisciplinary reflection on the complex aspects that define society and politics, in the context of in-depth scientific deliberation. We also strive to make our journal a platform for the exchange of ideas and research results of representatives of various scientific disciplines. The authors of the current issue represent the sciences of politics and administration, theological sciences, legal sciences, economics and finance. In each of them, social and political issues intertwine. At the same time, none of them would exist without society.

Wawrzyniec Konarski makes an attempt at an interdisciplinary analysis of social problems arising on the grounds of ethnicity and nationalism in the context of various political traditions. The author presents his own understanding of nationalism, which leads to a political tradition developed in the past, but very strongly present today.

The work of Adam Kucharski, who undertook the ethical evaluation of business activity, is worth noting. It is interesting to note the combination and intermingling of theological and ethical planes in contemporary business and economics. Often, the profit orientation neglects or forgets the good of man. Therefore, ethical problems become a special challenge to modern societies.

In his article, Andrzej Wojtaszak addresses the subject of the Three Seas Initiative, drawing the readers' attention to the integration processes taking place around the new geopolitical unit in Central and Eastern Europe. The concept of energy independence of the countries in the region from the resources

of the Russian Federation is also gaining popularity outside the European Union. At the same time, the article perfectly combines the problems of societies and politics.

Jarosław Sozański took up an extremely topical subject concerning ethnic and cultural stereotypes in his work. In his article, he referred to the legend of the Latvian Rose, little known in Poland, who did not want a Polish nobleman and chose death. This story coincides with the well-known legend about Wanda who did not want a German and threw herself into the waters of the Vistula. As the author rightly points out, strengthening stereotypes is closely related to ignorance, aversion, superstition and state policy.

The article by Zbigniew Klimiuk directs the readers' attention to the economic and financial crisis that occurred in 2007–2008 and the preventive measures related to the US Federal Reserve System implemented at that time. Simultaneously, the author points to the difficulties in assessing the risk of credit obligations.

Hopefully, the research results included in the current issue of our quarterly will help Readers to organise the concepts that define the socio-political perspective of the contemporary world, thus inspiring many creative thoughts and discussions. At this point, we would like to thank Piotr Obacz, PhD, from the Jagiellonian University for his editing work on the 4/2020 issue of our journal. Piotr Obacz is also the sole author of the substantive concept of the 4/2020 issue, dealing with the topic of political science narrative.

At the same time, we invite authors from various scientific circles and representatives of various disciplines of knowledge putting the human at the centre to co-create 'Społeczeństwo i Polityka', aspiring to be a platform for interdisciplinary dialogue.

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