

WORD OF THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dear Readers,

with the beginning of the new academic year 2021/2022, the third issue of the scientific journal *Society and Politics* is published this year. On behalf of myself and the entire editorial office, I wish to wish all of you: researchers, administrators, doctoral students and students a good working and study time, so that unfavorable circumstances do not adversely affect personal development, and the acquired knowledge serves the common good. Let the new academic year be a new opening, also in scientific research.

A positive harbinger of the new is the very good news that we received in September. The journal *Society and Politics* was included in the ERIH Plus database, which is a publicly available online index of European humanities and social journals, established in 2008 on the initiative of the Standing Committee on Humanities and the European Science Foundation. The database has been run by the Norwegian Research Data Center since 2014. The presence of the journal in the database is important not only for the Editorial Board, but also for all Authors publishing in the journal, because the works become available to a wider group of recipients.

The current edition is dominated by political matters, they direct the readers' attention to current and widely commented issues: Russian policy, financing health care, the European Union, the Constitution and the security of Polish borders. The current issue opens with an article by Adam Bartnicki examining the legal situation in Russia after 1991. Thirty years after the collapse of the USSR, which was significantly influenced by the criminalization of almost all areas of life, from politics, through the economy to the impunity of the elite, the author points to the crisis of the rule of law on the political, economic and

social levels. What's worse, as the author emphasizes, many of these behaviors have been transferred, or even heavily expanded and embedded in the new system. Contemporary Russia, while legalizing perverse actions, has also shown how to bend the law to suit one's needs, and this has a destructive effect on the political system, society and the economy of the state.

Anna Kovalska, on the other hand, took up the subject of energy cooperation between Russia and Germany in the context of the Ukrainian crisis. The problem is significant because the annexation of Crimea has strained the diplomatic relations of both countries. Bilateral energy cooperation is necessary because it is a strategic element in the region. The author identifies the key problems facing Russia and Germany hampering the economic dialogue of both countries.

In the work published in the second issue, Urszula Michalik-Marcinkowska and Paweł Izdebski analyzed the problem of improper allocation of financial resources in health care. Now the authors present their proposal for changes in this area, first of all, to stop wasting expenses on health services, and also indicate how to improve the activity in the field of providing these services. The authors rightly emphasize that prevention and health promotion, which we often forget, are important. Especially since Poles are very eager to take medications.

Marceli Hązła points to the recurring concept of federalizing the European Union, which could be a way to solve numerous problems facing Europe. The author points to numerous systemic inconsistencies which weaken the EU in the international arena. The work defines the main problems of the Union, which could be solved by federalization. These activities are necessary to strengthen the European community and avoid its marginalization in the face of rapidly developing economic, political and technological powers such as China, Russia and the United States.

The use of simple language in discussing complicated things was a very topical, and at the same time difficult topic, was taken up by Anna Suska. Recently, representatives of various organizations in Poland often refer to the Constitution. However, explaining the complicated rules of law to laymen is not an easy task. Hence, it is very easy to manipulate and, consequently, distort constitutional values and principles. The author rightly concludes that the practical knowledge of constitutional law increases the awareness of society, the effectiveness of its functioning in the political system, and reduces the likelihood of ideological manipulations and abuses of power.

The sixth and last article by Karina Błażejczak is also in line with the current situation in Poland. It is true that the topic of the work is not the migration situation on the Polish-Belarusian border, but the topic discussed in the article may provide an answer to the currently emerging questions. The author analyzes the importance of disposition groups operating in the military, paramilitary and civilian security system of the state, established to respond to threats, on the example of the Border Guard.

The journal *Society and Politics* is prepared by people, and sometimes mistakes and errors occur. In the 1/2021 issue of the journal, an article by Adam Kucharski entitled Assessment of contemporary economic activity in the ethical perspective (selected issues). The first sentence of the last paragraph of this article should read: “The abandonment of the value orientation based on inherent human dignity ultimately leads to the degradation of the human person and his physical, economic or spiritual enslavement (Bramorski 2002, p. 77)”. I sincerely apologize to the author and the readers for this situation.

I invite you to read the issue, as well as to submit your own research results, reviews of new scientific publications, especially those appearing on the international publishing market.

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