

FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dear Readers, Authors, Reviewers,

I am pleased to announce that Scimago Journal & Country Rank (<https://www.scimagojr.com>), the latest global ranking of scientific journals, has named “The Critique of Law” a **Q2 journal**. This means both a high number of citations of articles published in the journal and high prestige ratings of the journals which are the sources of the citations. The ranking includes journals listed in the **Scopus** database. “The Critique of Law” ranked as the most influential Polish law journal with an index of 0.237. There were also three other Polish journals in the Q2 group.

I am also happy to mention that “The Critique of Law. Independent Legal Studies” has been included in the **Web of Science™** Emerging Sources Citation Index, thus joining the esteemed ranks of journals listed in both Web of Science and SCOPUS.

“The Critique of Law” is the only Polish law journal present in the abovementioned databases and ranked in quartile 2 (Q2).

This rank of the journal has been growing clearly thanks to you, our authors, reviewers, and readers. Please accept our sincere words of gratitude.

This issue starts with a text by Professor Andrzej K. Koźmiński, PhD, DSc, an outstanding scholar, founder and long-time rector of Kozminski University in Warsaw – the university that publishes our journal. According to the international “Financial Times” ranking, it is the best business school in Central and Eastern Europe. We also pride ourselves in having obtained three prestigious international accreditations: AACSB, EQUIS, and AMBA. The text is a brilliant, extremely insightful, original sociological study into the stages of life of Poland’s ‘30–‘40 generation.

In addition, the issue features articles by authors from Poland, Albania, Indonesia, Kosovo, and Slovakia. The volume consists of four articles from the field of constitutional law, including a text by Prof. Anna Młynarska-Sobaczewska and Prof. Jacek Zalesny on the reform of Poland’s system of justice – a topic of great importance in Poland and Europe. There are also articles dealing with legal theory and philosophy. Please note the interesting article by Katarzyna Maćkowska, PhD, DSc – *Tertium Non Datur? American Originalism in a Polarised Democracy*. We also have texts exploring the field of administrative – including an original article by Prof. Avdullah Robaj of Albania on public administration reform in the spirit of

Kosovo's integration into the European Union. The issue also includes three articles from the area of criminal law. We have, for example, an article by authors from Slovakia – Adrian Vasko, PhD and Prof. Jaroslav Klatik – on cybercrime in their country. There are also articles on environmental law, financial law, and civil law.

I am also pleased to add that the editorial team of our journal is a co-organiser of the 3rd all-Poland conference from the series: *New Directions and Challenges in Legal Scientific Communication*. The first edition was held on 21 May 2021 and was a meeting of editors-in-chief, editorial secretaries, and publishers of legal journals (report: <https://journals.kozminski.edu.pl/pub/6211>, "The Critique of Law" 2021, issue no. 2). The second edition was held on 23 May 2023 under the title: *Fake Authors, Fake Reviews, 'Hijacked' Journals. ChatGPT* (<https://www.kozminski.edu.pl/pl/wydarzenia/ii-ogolnopolska-konferencja-falszywi-autorzy-falszywe-recenzje-porwane-czasopisma>). Both turned out to be very popular with the legal community and journal publishers alike.

The time has come for the 3rd nationwide conference. Its title will be: *Specificity of Research in Juridical Science vs. Journal Scoring*. It will be held on 28 October 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – in remote form via MS Teams. Your active involvement in the discussions will be more than welcome. The detailed agenda and login information will be posted on the Kozminski University website and social media. Papers will be presented by eminent scholars, including Andrzej Dziadzio, Dariusz Jemielniak, Fryderyk Zoll, Piotr Stec, Adam Czarnota, Jarosław Kostrubiec – which will be followed by inspiring discussions. You are encouraged to prepare articles related to the title of the conference. We will be happy to make it the main theme of one of the upcoming issues of our journal. We also accept foreign texts dealing with this topic because it is a relevant, current, and universal matter.

I am positive our readers will find this issue valuable. I strongly recommend reading through all the articles featured as they address very topical and common legal problems.

Yours faithfully,

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