

FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dear Readers and Authors,

We will start the year 2020 with an issue devoted to the highly relevant problems concerning tax law and the first of the submitted articles starting the topic of the “Legal, Social, and Political Transformation in Central and Eastern Europe of 1989–2004” as announced in autumn 2019. Further articles connected with the subject in question will be featured in the issues to come. The changes that took place in Central and Eastern Europe after the collapse of the Eastern Bloc have significantly affected the times we live in – including our understanding of law, justice, democracy, or the rule of law. Their impact has actually been so big that they have not only shaped the present legal culture along with the changes stemming from Poland and other countries from Central and Eastern Europe accessing the European Union, but also brought about many challenges we are facing at present. As it turns out, it is difficult to pinpoint a clear time boundary in this respect as we were dealing with a sort of *continuum*, one in a state of constant evolution. It has therefore appeared necessary to extend the framework of this subject matter to include the processes occurring both in recent years and at present due to the global epidemic, which recently strongly impacted all our lives. We have thus departed from the boundary set at the year 2004. The outbreak of the global COVID-19 epidemic in 2020 shows that we suddenly faced new gigantic cognitive challenges: organizational, legal, economic and social; and their resolution will take many years to come. And once again, we faced a proof that changes do not have to be evolutionary.

Issue 2/2020 will be a continuation of the subject matter explored in volume 2/2018 – “Higher Education and Law Studies” since the topic has aroused considerable interest. Issues 2/2018 and 2/2020 have to do with the establishment of the Interdisciplinary Research Centre in Law at KU. It was created by scientists from a number of research centres from across all of Poland. The Centre has already begun its studies into the quality of education of lawyers and issue 2/2020 will include, among others, some preliminary findings of the commenced analyses. All

texts were submitted for printing and were reviewed before the outbreak of the coronavirus epidemic in Poland.

During the first two weeks of March 2020, universities changed beyond recognition into online universities, and law studies into online studies. We will write about these experiences in the next issues.

Issue 3/2020 will focus on the relationship between law and politics, and issue 4/2020 – on the function of law. The texts to be featured in issues 3 and 4 are in the last stage of preparation. It is possible that the authors will share already then their first findings from the time of the viral apocalypse.

Of course, the “Miscellaneous” section will continue to feature articles on other important topics. We are particularly open to receiving texts written in English.

Authors are kindly asked to refer to our instructions and our review form as both documents have been changed this year. We’re looking forward to receiving submissions including the required information.

We welcome authors from Poland and from around the globe alike.

We’d also like to thank all of the reviewers for their involvement and valuable comments and remarks.

Wishing you all to stay in good health, Invite you to enjoy this issue.

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