

## FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am pleased to invite you to explore the latest volume of “The Critique of Law.” This issue features mainly articles dealing with the field of administrative law. It also includes three contributions from the area of legal theory and philosophy, as well as various other texts (covering constitutional, criminal, and financial law). All the articles address highly relevant issues in public law and discuss original, universal problems, illustrated with examples drawn from specific countries.

We are truly honoured to welcome Judge Professor Krystyna Kowalik-Bańczyk, President of the Seventh Chamber of the Court of Justice of the European Union and Professor at the Institute of Legal Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw, as a new member of our Scientific Council.

It also gives me great pleasure to announce that our Editorial Board is expanding. We will be working with Professor Wojciech Staszewski, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Law and Administration at the University of Szczecin and Professor at the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin. He will be primarily dealing with texts addressing public international law and EU law.

Let me remind you that we are particularly keen to receive original contributions on “hot” and universal issues – broad, fundamental legal questions of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We try to limit the publication of articles dealing with highly specialised problems in specific branches of law, unless such problems serve as illustrations of broader, foundational issues.

We also look forward to receiving reviews of outstanding and important books published worldwide, as well as polemical texts.

We intend to give the third issue of 2026 the title “Crises,” hence we encourage you to submit original articles dealing with this theme by the end of December 2025.

The Fourth Industrial Revolution and AI, war in Europe, geopolitical tensions, and growing social inequalities are all contributing to a complex and crisis-ridden context for the creation, application, and interpretation of law. Constructive criticism of both newly emerging law and long-standing legal frameworks is essential in such circumstances.

We are delighted to see our journal garnering interest across many continents. I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the Authors who have submitted original and engaging articles. I must admit that the number of submissions is very high, which unfortunately results in a fairly long wait for publication. It is also true that our Reviewers are highly demanding, and many articles are revised or rejected following review.

The assistance of a large group of Reviewers – from both Poland and a number of other countries – who do their work in a reliable and timely fashion and with great diligence, is invaluable. I thank you sincerely for your involvement.

I hope you find this issue inspiring and thought-provoking.

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