

FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dear Readers, Authors, Reviewers,

What you are holding in your hands is another issue of “The Critique of Law”. Thank you very much for your interest in the journal. Our reader base is getting broader and broader, and thanks to publishing more and more texts in English, we also get increased reactions from readers from abroad. We are extremely grateful to several dozens of professors from Poland and abroad for their reviews.

The scientific movement that develops around issues drawn out in subsequent volumes of the journal results in international and all-Polish conferences. The Editorial Board initiates and co-organises them.

This spring, two conferences took place (with the participation of guests from Germany, Sweden, Mexico and Ukraine), which were co-organised by the Editorial Board of “The Critique of Law”. Both of them were related to the publishing activity of the journal.

On 28 March this year, there was an international conference inspired by the article by Mrs Prof. M. Łaszewska-Hellriegel and Mr Ch. Hellriegel, PhD, entitled: ‘Trudne wybory – kto może liczyć na opiekę zdrowotną podczas pandemii COVID-19 w 2020 r.’ (‘Difficult choices – who can count on the healthcare during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020’) (“The Critique of Law”, No. 4/2020).

The conference title was: ‘Wyzwania dla prawa w dobie pandemii. Doświadczenia Niemiec, Szwecji i Polski’ (‘Challenges for the law in the time of a pandemic. Experiences from Germany, Sweden and Poland’) (see the report in this number).

On 24 May this year, in turn, an all-Polish conference for editors-in-chief, editorial assistants and publishers of Polish legal scientific journals took place with the participation of guests from abroad. Its title was ‘Nowe kierunki i wyzwania w prawniczej komunikacji naukowej’ (‘New directions and challenges in legal science communication’).

Its purpose was to discuss the issues of overcoming communication difficulties in legal sciences, communication of lawyers with representatives of other sciences, and communication of scientists with lawyers who practise law, as well as with the world of politics and business. The conference was also an opportunity to talk about new communication practices based on digital technologies, about rankings of journals, about open access, about sources of difficulty in transferring legal

research results to social-economic life. A report from the conference – due to the importance of the meeting for our environment and the importance of universal issues raised during the conference – starts this volume. We invite you to further discuss the conference topics in “The Critique of Law”.

We are very happy that interest in topics that we write on goes beyond the texts themselves and transforms into a permanent scientific movement associated with the journal.

This year, we try to devote our columns to very diverse issues because we receive so many texts on so current and important topics that we cannot delay their publication. We also start publishing articles on legal impossibilism. The idea for this topic comes from Mr Prof. Wojciech Góralczyk, PhD, Head of the Department of Administration and Administrative Law at Kozminski University in Warsaw. We will publish articles on this topic also in the next two numbers. The text by W. Góralczyk in No. 4/2021 will finalise our discussion of the topic. Admittedly, the word cluster ‘imposybilizm prawny’ (‘legal impossibilism’) in Polish is negatively loaded and is used chiefly in the language of social and political journalism. The cluster has numerous contextual meanings, is understood in different ways in science but it is more frequently used instrumentally in ideological terms. We invite you to see how the term is understood and used by the authors of legal scientific text in this number and in Nos. 3 and 4 of 2021 of “The Critique of Law”.

We would like to apologise to the authors for the fact that publication takes quite a long time in our journal. We publish quarterly and our columns are limited. We would also like to remind you that articles written in English are more than welcome because we care about international recognition very much. Furthermore, we can make use of our foreign reviewers on a larger scale then.

We kindly invite authors from Poland and from abroad. We would like to remind you that we are present i.a. in the following databases: ERIH+, SCOPUS and DOAJ. The articles that are being sent to us now (summer 2021) will be published (obviously, under the condition of receiving two positive reviews) in 2022.

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