

FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that we present to you a new issue of “The Critique of Law”. The articles featured span a variety of topics. The significance of the issues addressed in most of the texts transcends the borders of the countries they come from. This issue offers texts from Indonesia, India, Kosovo, Hungary, and Poland.

The issue begins with a brief reminiscence of the Polish-American prominent lawyer Raphael Lemkin. This year marks the 80th anniversary of R. Lemkin’s creation of the term *genocide*. In 1944, he published the book *Axis Rule in Occupied Europe*, where he offered a definition of the term “genocide” and its characteristics. Later on, with great commitment, he actively promoted the idea of recognising the crimes of genocide and the international cooperation of states in prosecuting those responsible for them. This led to the 1948 UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, also known as the Lemkin Convention. This year also marks the 65th anniversary of his passing. His legacy is most definitely an example of a legal idea of great global significance for the advancement of international law, political thought, and the protection of human rights.

In 2024, the atmosphere of dread is becoming increasingly intense again across the world. Europe is talking about war every single day. I would like to encourage you to submit your articles addressing the legal problems of war crimes, especially the crime of genocide 80 years after its definition. Calling crimes as they should be called and the UN convention, unfortunately, did not contribute to the complete eradication of this barbarism. What is more, the events of recent years shed new light on this practice.

We would like to feature new analyses of the contemporary understanding of the scope of the concept, learn about the challenges of its application, the efforts aimed at creating international prevention mechanisms, the new forms of genocide, and the effectiveness of activities pursued in this sphere by international organisations. Texts addressing these matters will be published in issue 4/2024. We are waiting for your submissions by 15 September.

We are also continuing our work on academic and scientific communication. This time, we are accepting articles on the new rules of parameterisation of law journals in Poland. We believe it is a good idea to present the current position of the legal community in a non-serial publication. The new rules for evaluating scientific

journals are currently being prepared by the Science Evaluation Committee. Of course, we will also be happy to publish articles on this topic by contributing authors from other countries. Issue 3/ 2024 of “The Critique of Law” will be dealing with this very issue. Please submit your articles by 1 July 2024.

This issue, in turn, contains articles dealing with constitutional, administrative, and financial law.

I would like to draw your attention in particular to two articles addressing important public-legal problems in Kosovo – one by Artan Maloku and Perit Hajdari, PhD (on the judiciary) and the other by Prof. Gjylbehare Murati and Prof. Sabiha Shali (on the relations between Kosovo and the European Union).

There is also an interesting article from Asia by Swati Sharda, PhD and A. Mari-sport, PhD from India on homelessness, poverty, and transgender people.

We also have articles on the political system in Poland: on the State Tribunal (by Łukasz Orłowski, Att) and the National Security Bureau (by Prof. Michalina Duda-Hyz, PhD, DSc).

There is also the article *Fabrication and Falsification of Scientific Research*, which refers to the matters addressed at the conference co-organised by the editorial board of “The Critique of Law” on 24 May 2023 under the name *Fake Authors, Fake Reviews, ‘Hijacked’ Journals, ChatGPT* (report featured in issue 4/2023). We continue to be very interested in these matters, especially the legal aspects of using ChatGPT in scientific work.

The issue features also another report of a scientific meeting co-organised by our editorial board, the scientific and community interested in our journal is very much alive and active. This time we discussed, among other things, the ethical problems in the legal profession and what it takes for a practising lawyer to succeed in the industry.

We look forward to receiving texts on the theory and philosophy of law and public law in the broadest sense. Preferably written in English. Your submissions will be subject to professional reviews. We send the articles we receive only to expert scholars, specialists in the subject matter addressed. After the process of review, many of the submissions are improved, but some of them, unfortunately, are also rejected. In either case, however, the author receives valuable comments and feedback to help them improve their text.

We’d like to sincerely thank all our reviewers for their efforts and commitment.

It is with great regret that we bid farewell to one of our contributing authors, Uri Huppert, PhD – a citizen of Poland and Israel, lawyer, attorney, writer, journalist, and political activist. Uri Huppert was born in 1933 in Bielsko-Biała. He

documented his wartime memories of a boy rescued from the Holocaust in his *Podróże do źródeł pamięci* (2000). He emigrated to Israel in 1950. He graduated from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem with a degree in law and held important positions in the Israeli state administration. He taught at Cleveland State University in Ohio. After the fall of the People's Republic of Poland, he visited Poland on a regular basis. He was also a visiting scholar at Kozminski University in Warsaw. He used to visit our editorial office, where we had unforgettable long, emotional discussions about Poland and Israel. His knowledge and passion for life were nothing short of fascinating. Uri Huppert died in November 2023 in Jerusalem, aged 91.

The legacy he left us includes his articles published in "The Critique of Law": *Nation-State Law – Is it Really a Well Thought-Out Law? Is It a Party Manifesto or a Parliamentary Act?* (2022, issue 1); *Jerusalem Trapped between the Vatican, Moscow, Republican Evangelicals, Judaic Messianism, and Islam* (2019, issue 3); *On the Problem of the Relationship between Democracy and Security. As Illustrated with the Example of the State of Israel* (with M. Gajda) (2010, issue 3).

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