

## FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dear Readers, Authors, Reviewers,

We are pleased to present Issue 4/2025 of “The Critique of Law”.

This edition features nine articles in the field of administrative law, ten contributions addressing various other areas of law, and one review. Alongside papers submitted by scholars from ten Polish universities, this issue also includes texts by scholars from Algeria, the Czech Republic, India, Indonesia, and Slovakia. All contributions address highly relevant issues and, of course, have undergone a rigorous peer-review process.

By way of example, several articles explore thought-provoking and debatable questions related to cyberspace, including: Professor Jan Izdebski’s *Państwo osobiste – informatyzacja działania administracji publicznej a status prawny jednostki* (*The Personal State – Digitalisation of Public Administration and the Legal Status of the Individual*); Raneeta Pal, PhD, Ravi Kant, PhD, and Dr Sony Kulshrestha, PhD’s *Use of Emerging Technologies to Address Legal and Cyber Governance Issues of Protected Health Information (PHI)*; Professor Michalina Duda-Hyz’s “Virtual Betting – Is It Really Betting?”

The issue also includes noteworthy articles on pressing topics in contemporary social communication, such as: Professor Ireneusz Kamiński’s *Czy zmiana w podejściu Europejskiego Trybunału Praw Człowieka do mowy nienawiści?* (*A Change in the European Court of Human Rights’ Approach to Hate Speech?*); Filip Przybylski-Lewandowski, PhD’s *O nowej obecności sędziego w komunikacji społecznej. Uwagi na tle książki „Wolność ekspresji sędziego w czasach kryzysu kultury polityczno-prawnej”* (“*On the Judge’s New Presence in Social Communication. Reflections on the Book Judicial Freedom of Expression in Times of Political-Legal Cultural Crisis*”); and Professor Paweł Sut’s important contribution *Próba krytycznego spojrzenia na (aktualną) polską prawoznawczą debatę publiczną* (*An Attempt at a Critical Perspective on the (Current) Polish Legal-Scholarly Public Debate*).

With our commitment to ensuring the highest quality and originality of the submissions published in our journal, and in view of the increasing yet relatively under-examined significance of artificial intelligence technologies and AI-based tools in academic research, we kindly request that authors indicate – where applicable (e.g. in methodological descriptions or footnotes) – the forms and extent of their use (e.g. in generating graphics or analysing data).

I extend my warmest wishes for a scientifically fruitful forthcoming year 2026.

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