FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dear Readers,

I am pleased to encourage you to explore issue 1/2025 of our journal.

I am delighted to inform you that as of 1 February this year, Professor Chiara Gallese from the Faculty of Law at the University of Turin (Italy) has been a new member of our Scientific Council. Professor Gallese is not only an esteemed academic, but also a practising lawyer. She is a member of various working groups, including those dealing with the Code of Conduct on General-Purpose Artificial Intelligence at the European AI Office of the European Commission and the AI Ethics Oversight Working Group of the IEEE Standards Association (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers). She's also a visiting researcher at the Institute for Artificial Intelligence Systems at Eindhoven University of Technology, Netherlands.

We are honoured to have Professor Gallese collaborate with us and greatly look forward to her insights, comments, and suggestions.

This time, the contributions that have been approved have been arranged alphabetically by the countries where the contributing authors do their research and are academically involved. This approach is intended to highlight the international reach of our journal.

Dear Readers!

Please take a look at the table of contents: Albania, India, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Germany, Poland, the United Kingdom, and the United Arab Emirates – this issue features contributions from as many as three continents. We continue to receive interesting submissions from numerous countries, for which we are sincerely grateful.

The topics addressed by the authors in issue 1/2025 are not only significant within their respective national contexts, but also reflect universal legal challenges of the modern world. The articles in this issue primarily focus on three branches of law: administrative, financial, and criminal law, but there are also contributions dealing with international law, constitutional law, environmental law, civil law, and legal theory.

I encourage you in particular to explore the highly valuable article by Agata Fijalkowski, PhD, of Leeds Beckett University in the UK, *Revisiting the 'Menten Affair.'* Pieter Nicolaas Menten was a war criminal and art looter.

This issue also includes fascinating articles on various aspects of digitalisation. Among them, I would like to highlight the study by Dr Nayel Alomran (Department of Legal Studies, Zayed University, United Arab Emirates) and Dr Odai Mohammad Al Heilat (Faculty of Law, Yarmouk University, Jordan) titled *Certain Knowledge of Administrative Decisions Issued by Artificial Intelligence Systems in the Public Sector: a Comparative Analysis.*

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

Finally, I would like to reiterate our commitment to the highest quality of publications. We carefully review all submissions, and our reviewers – both from Poland and abroad – maintain rigorous standards. Many articles undergo revisions, while some, unfortunately, are rejected due to substantive or formal reasons.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to our reviewers for their meticulous and timely evaluations.

At the same time, I kindly ask for your patience regarding the publication timelines. We receive a large volume of submissions, yet as a quarterly journal with a strictly defined structure, we must adhere to specific publication limits.

Yours faithfully,
Prof. Jolanta Jabłońska-Bonca
Editor in Chief of "The Critique of Law"
Warsaw, 15 March 2024