

## FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dear Readers, Authors, Reviewers,

We're happy and proud to present to you another issue of "The Critique of Law".

The issue begins with a text by Prof. Andrzej K. Kozmiński, PhD, DSc – *New Frontiers of Higher Education in Europe*. Professor Kozmiński is the founder and long-time rector of Kozminski University in Warsaw, the university that publishes our journal. He is Honorary President of the Kozminski University as well as a member of the Polish Academy of Sciences and of many national and international scientific societies. He holds the title of doctor honoris causa of the University of Warsaw, the University of Szczecin, and ESCP Europe Business School. Kozminski University is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. It is a higher education institution educating students and working with academic teachers and researchers from all over the world. It is also a long-standing holder of three prestigious accreditations: EQUIS, AACSB, and AMBA. There are students from 75 countries studying at KU.

Professor Kozmiński's text is a masterful combination of latest knowledge, concern for the future of science, optimism, and practical advice for higher education institutions. You're warmly encouraged to discuss the issues addressed in this article. Is it really true that "every generation needs a new revolution"? Does the emerging higher education environment require an adjustment that will evolve into an "agility revolution", tearing down traditional rigid structures and liberalising formalised procedures?

For many years, we have been covering the issues of higher education in the journal (see, for example, issue 2/2018 of "The Critique of Law"), and we are happy to publish more articles on this topic. This issue also features two other texts on higher education and research: one by Ashir Kumar Srivastava, PhD, from India, titled *Landscape of Indian Legal Research* and one by Iwona Szymczak, PhD, on the topic of doctoral students.

As the war in Ukraine continues, this issue includes two articles on the extremely important legal issues of the war in practice; one deals with the impact of hostilities

on the right to safe critical infrastructure, the other – with funding to support mass migration.

It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to Prof. Vladislav L. Fedorenko, PhD – our long-time collaborator, an outstanding scholar, member of the Scientific Council of “The Critique of Law”, author of articles published in our journal, active participant in conferences, and guest lecturer at Kozminski University. Professor Fedorenko died suddenly on 4 July 2023 in Kyiv. He was for a long-standing director of the Research Centre of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine; an experienced judicial expert and Scientific Secretary of the Scientific Council to the Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, member of the Scientific Council of the Supreme Court of Ukraine. He is the author of several hundred scientific papers, textbooks, a member of the scientific advisory boards of many journals, and participated in a number of academic fellowship programmes abroad. He also lectured and worked as an academic in Poland.

This issue also offers two very important articles on the natural environment and its protection. One is by an author from Indonesia, the other – by an author from Poland.

Moreover, we have three texts discussing labour law. Two of them have been written by Polish authors, and the third one – by an author from India, offering an interesting analysis of the new Indian Labour Code.

There is also an article by E. Kwiatkowska, PhD, which deals with the highly relevant issue of equality and remote hearing. E-hearings have recently been the subject of two conferences co-organised by our journal. Both attracted a lot interest (see reports in “The Critique of Law” – issue 2/2022 and 2/2023). This topic is actually taken up regularly in our journal.

We also recommend the article by University of Pomerania in Słupsk Professor Dominik Bierecki, PhD. Its title is *The Legal Consequences of Obtaining the Status of a Social Enterprise by a Cooperative* and it deals with a very important issue that touches upon the disciplines of law and social economy. It addresses the impact of the new Polish act of 5 August 2022 on social economy, which has adopted a legal definition of social economy and established the institution of social enterprise, among other things.

There are also other excellent texts. Please take a look at the table of contents and see for yourself. Some of them are *Freedom of Contract or Freedom of Association in Corporate Law* (Piotr Zakrzewski, PhD), a text on the relationship between law and street art (Tomasz Barszcz, PhD), or a text on mediation (Agata Przylepa-Lewak, PhD)

This issue features authors from Poland, India, and Indonesia. Thank you for your submissions. We’d also like to thank our reviewers from both Poland and

abroad. In the course of our editorial work, many submissions are rejected, and many are also modified and corrected.

We publish articles that are methodologically correct, supported by the relevant literature, and based on recognised, well-established science. But we also give a chance to creative innovators with ideas that break the established scientific paradigms – without such publications, the development and advancement of science would not be possible. Scientific systems cannot be closed, insular, because they are incapable then of producing new, interesting, and useful results – and remain static, ossified.

I hope you find this issue inspiring and interesting.

We welcome submissions from all over the world. And we are very happy with the international interest in our journal.

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Editor-in-Chief of “The Critique of Law”  
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