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Welcome to the 50th issue of the *Revista de Științe Politice. Revue des Sciences Politiques* (hereinafter **RSP**). The topics of this special issue encourage the timing balance between the Past and the Future from the perspectives of the human security, education and cultural identity.

The exploration of the Eastern Europe realities offers the unique chance to discover the political, social and legal approaches of the types of democracies, administrative authorities, legal systems, cultural diversity and new politics of identity, democracy assistance and the European encounters, types and actions of the constitutional control, rights to education, institutional speeches, public health information and social challenges.

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The contents of this special issue meet the Past, recognize the Present and welcome the Future by establishing its three main topics: Security, Education and Identity. All original articles gathered in this issue allow us to investigate the immediate and long-term effects of education and security in Eastern Europe by rationalizing the encounters of the constitutional, social and political factors, acts and actions.

Further, Anca Parmena Olimid allows us in her paper titled: *“A Research Analysis of RSP’s Articles and Topics across Forty-five Issues between 2005 and 2016: Critical Appraisal and Evaluation”* to investigate the articles and topics across forty-five issues since double issue 6-7/ 2005. This research analysis is both a critical appraisal and evaluation of the last twelve years of constant and permanent publication of the *Revista de Științe Politice. Revue des Sciences Politiques*.

The paper analysis the RSP’S articles published between 2005 and 2016 is based on the average (mean) / issue and per period of the panel research topics, editorial notes and research articles. Based on this average, 736 articles were analysed in terms of the total number of articles per issue and per period and percentage of the total number of articles.

Daniel Cojanu considers in his paper titled: *“Cultural Diversity and the New Politics of Identity”* the politics of identity and the new politics of identity by exploring the variations and various types of the cultural diversity and political self-determination and making a clear difference between cultural identity and other types of identity: gender, racial, religious etc.

Further, Bülent Sarper Ağır, Barış Gürsoy and Murat Necip Arman claim in their article entitled: *“European Perspective of Human Security and the Western Balkans”* the importance and role of the human security “due to the transnational nature of non-traditional security issues” and “because security issues that needed to be addressed should not only be in reference to the state, but also to individuals and societal groups”.

This approach is enriched by Adrian Cojanu in his paper titled: *“The West European Communist Parties and the Emergence of their Political Identity. Case study: The Belgian Communist Party”* who individualized the perspectives of the West European Communist Parties and the emergence of their political identity. The study explores “the concrete historical and political realities in their own states” of these parties.

In this direction, Valentina Marinescu investigates in her paper titled: *“Direct democracy in Romania after 1989: Particularities of the Formal-Legal and Practical Aspects”* the emergence of the direct democracy in Romania after 1989 and the particularities of the formal-legal and practical aspects by claiming that “the problems of direct democracy are an extremely important subject of study by present-day political scientists, sociologists, and legal scholars”.

Samson Masalu Peter Paschal places in his work titled: *“Romania: A Case-Study of Regional and Global Integration Ongoing Process - the Legal, Economic, and Social Implications Facing Countries such as Romania in Ongoing Integration Process”* the case-study of Romania in the regional and global ongoing process and reaffirms the importance of the legal, economic, social and political implications facing countries in this perspective.

Sevastian Cercel and Ștefan Scurtu propose in their study titled: *“The Extinctive Prescription: the Solutions of the Romanian Civil Code and the UNIDROIT Principles Applicable to International Commercial Contracts”* a new direction of research for the

extinctive prescription by challenging the solutions of the Romanian Civil Code and the UNIDROIT principles applicable to international commercial contracts and considering also other “international conventions governing the relations of international trade law”.

Lavdim Terziu, Nazyktere Hasani and Osman Osmani exercise the role of the school principal in increasing students’ success in their research titled: “*The Role of the School Principal in Increasing Students’ Success*”. The authors claim that the “students’ success depends not only on themselves, but also on other factors, especially the principal of the school, whose supporting and communicating role significantly affects the success of students” and that “the commitment of the school principal in increasing school’s success consists of supporting the initiatives, cooperation, communication and constant motivation of students and teachers”.

The paper of Adela Teodorescu Calotă titled: “*Translation as Transplant in Contemporary Law*” aims at exploring legal translation under the more comprehensive umbrella-concept of “*legal transplant*”. The author considers that “understanding the cultural, social, political, economic, historical, geographical and identity-related peculiarities of a given legal system is indispensable in the process of legal translation”.

As the reader shall discover, „the autonomous administrative authorities were first created and implemented in the United States of America, this type of authorities was adopted also in Europe”. Thus, Radu Cristian Dragomir invites us in his paper entitled: “*The Autonomous Administrative Authorities in the Romanian Legal System*” to challenge whether “the autonomous administrative authorities currently form an institutional system within the frame of public administration, having statutory guarantees and certain powers that allow them to perform actions without being politically influenced or forced in any way by different economic or professional interest groups”.

Moving forward to Teodora Kaleynska’s article entitled “*Democracy Assistance - Bulgaria and the Council of Europe (1989-2007)*”, we will learn about “the process of democratization in Bulgaria, started November 10th 1989, ended with the Bulgaria accession at EU in 2007”. The author investigates the approaches to the democracy assistance in Bulgaria and in relation to the Council of Europe between 1989-2007. The author investigates the influence and importance of the international actors and factors and “the development and strengthening of civil society and formed conditions for democratic development institutions, expanding their capacity conditions existence and stability”.

Besard Belegu and Zemri Elezi discover in their article entitled “*Constitutional Control of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Kosovo*” the essential elements of constitutional control and rule of law arguing that in order to “distinguish constitutionality as a constitutional principle, whether by formal or political aspect, different theorists use the word “constitutionality” in its meaning as “constitutional” (constitutionality)”.

Jonuz Abdullai and Xhemail Cupi in their paper titled “*Policy making and Secularism in Macedonia*” place the “social multiethnicity and multiculturalism” considering and detecting “the interethnic and interreligious dialogue” as an “imperative of time which should be initiated by the government itself”.

Adelina Mihai investigates in her article titled “*The Right to Education of Persons with Disabilities - A utopia of Romanian Education System*” the right to education of persons with disabilities as a utopia of the Romanian education system. The author argues that “regarding Romania, this freedom of action involves limited

material resources, a thing which determines the restriction of the right to education for persons with disabilities in the matter of the applicability of the legal provisions on education nationwide”.

Alexandra Florina Mănescu explains in her article titled “The Romanian Presidents’ Speech about Education” that “for over twenty years education is also normative a national priority” and investigates “the differences and similarities of speeches about education of the four presidents of Romania, of their programs, of their projects and of their reforms”.

Gabriela Rusu-Păsărin explores the immediate and long term effects of public information. The author explains in her article titled “Immediate and Long Term Effects of Public Information. The National Health Card in Romania” the socio-political conceptualization of the phenomenon and the information received within the public space considering that “the political - religion relations would have in this case an unexpected impact and reaction within a segment of the population as a consequence of constructing the religious significance of the insignia on health cards”.

Alina-Maria Văduva-Şahhanoglu, Mădălina Xenia Călbureanu-Popescu and Siemon Smid show in their paper titled “Automated and Robotic Construction - a Solution for the Social Challenges of the Construction Sector” the social and political challenges of the construction sector arguing that “there are also many challenges regarding human capital such as high unemployment, labour mismatches, and increasing numbers of young people without education, employment and training”.

As a reminder, within the first RSP issue of 2016, issue no 49/ 2016, the Center of Post-Communist Political Studies (CEPOS/ CESPO) launched the Call for Papers for the 7th Edition of the International Conference *After Communism. East and West under Scrutiny*, University House, Craiova, Romania, 24-25 March 2017, proposing the following panels: Communism, transition, democracy; Post-communism and collective memory; Politics, ideologies and social action in transition; Revolution and political history; Political culture and citizen participation Law, legal studies and justice reform; Constitution(s), legality & political reforms; Political parties, electoral systems and electoral campaigns; Security and diplomacy in national and Euro-Atlantic environment; Rights, identities policies & participation; Education, media & social communication; Administrative history and governance within South-Eastern Europe during transition; Political leadership, democratization and regional security; Comparative policies, sustainable growth and urban planning; Knowledge transfer and competitiveness in regional economies; Global environment and cultural heritage; Integration, identity, and human rights in European systems; Religion, cultural history and education; Media, communication and politics; Discourse, language and social encounters; Bioethics and transition challenges (see all CEPOS 7th Edition of the International Conference *After Communism. East and West under Scrutiny*, University House, Craiova, Romania, 24-25 March 2017 details, panels and registration procedures and forms on the CEPOS official website available at the following address <http://cepos.eu/upcoming.html>).

We consider that the main focus of the issue 50/ 2016 is to enable the relationship among security-education-identity preserving the main research tasks undertaken in the previous issue 49/2016 of RSP assessed on *the individual-state relationship*. Both first issues of RSP/2016 map a new arena of the national, regional

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and international relationship in the contemporary period and guarantee a multi-approached understanding of research and analysis of human relations, public involvement and political participation.

We continue to innovate and to inaugurate the new concept design of the RSP this year and we invite our authors and readers to join us by thanking them for the research highlights offered across this celebrating RSP issue 50/ 2016!

Wishing you all the best,

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