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Outlook of the Organizational Resilience and Governance: COVID-19 Timeline

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Issue 69/ April 2021 of the *Revista de Științe Politice. Revue des Sciences Politiques* presents the contributions in the field of organizational resilience and governance, addressing in-depth theoretical and empirical background and conceptual arguments in a pandemic context.

The current issue proposes more than seventeen research topics, performing large data sets, legal analyses, statistical analyses, quantitative and qualitative analyses,

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by emphasizing how the social sciences research evolved during the COVID-19 pandemic. In that sense, the research questions provide an overview of the narrow topics namely:

- the bank profitability and the use of econometric models;
- the public procurement contracts, public works and services;
- the concepts and the analyses of the banking sector;
- the evolution of the public sector during the post-communist period;
- the legal framework of the state of emergency;
- critical approaches to “political correctness”
- the conceptual analysis of the specific language, the professional language and the specialised language;
- the institutional resilience during COVID-19 and the EU legal provisions;
- the inter-state agreements: the economic relations between Poland and Austria;
- the role of the institutional communication within public administration
- the legal and constitutional provisions concerning the conflict between public authorities;
- a new approach to mobility and work;
- the recent challenges of the environmental protection;
- the social and legal encounters of the environmental sustainability;
- the intellectual and analytical understandings of democracy and socialism;
- a content analysis of online articles retrieved through media monitoring.

The first article (Klejda Gabeshi, *The Determinants of Bank Profitability in Romania*) generates a new perspective over the research on the banking sector, using the econometric model and the correlation between the bank's strategies, profitability and the trends of the financial markets.

The second article (Andreea-Teodora Al-Floarei, *Resolution of the appeals formulated in the procedure of awarding the public procurement contracts and the concession contracts for public works or services*) provides an evidence-based research on the public procurement contracts and the contracting authorities.

The following article (Ramona Birau, Cristi Spulbar, Amir Karbassi Yazdi, Seyed Arash Shahr Aeini, *Critical success factors for CRM implementation in the Iranian banking sector: A conceptual analysis*) entails a series of considerations concerning the banking system and the links between the economic sector, the customer behaviour and the business success.

The fourth article (Andreea-Roxana Gușă, *The Romanian Kakistocracy: The Public Sector's Ethos during the Post-communist Transition and its long-term impact*)

argues the need for a study of the relationship between the societal development and the transition challenges.

The fifth article [Sevastian Cercel, Ștefan Scurtu, *Considerations on the Intergovernmental Organization for International Carriage by Rail (OTIF)*] addresses the topic of the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail by focusing on the legal provisions, structure and functions.

The sixth article (Mircea Mugurel Șelea, *The Effects of the State of Emergency/Alert with Regard to the Statute of Limitations for Criminal Liability*) provides evidence and identifies the legal analysis of the state of emergency.

The seventh article (Victor Stoica, *Intellectual Origins and the Evolution of Political Corectness – A Critical Perspective*) discusses the major role of the conceptual research of the “political corectness” by focusing on the postmodern elements and socio-economic analysis.

The eighth article (Ileana Mihaela Chirișescu, Floriana Anca Păunescu, *Word vs. Term - Language for Specific Purposes*) sets the limits of the theoretical foundation and research of the following concepts: “specialised language”, “standard communication”, “professional language”, “advanced communication”, “general language” and “specialized language”.

The ninth article [Anca Parmena Olimid, Daniel Alin Olimid, *EU Institutional Resilience and Population Protection during COVID-19: Explaining the Social Impact of the Regulation (EU) 2021/241*] opens the discussion on the instiutional resilience, human capital and population protection by exploring the role the EU legal provisions during COVID-19 pandemic.

The tenth article (Agnieszka Kisztełińska-Węgrzyńska, *Legislative foundations of Polish-Austrian economic relations*) sets up the legal background of the economic relations between Poland and Austria by investigating the bilateral agreements and the role of the investment policy.

The eleventh article (Narcis Eduard Mitu, *Importance of Communication in Public Administration*) establishes the relational perspective on the public administration by linking the research of the topics: “institutional communication”, “stakeholder communication”, “inter-institutional communicartion, “crisis communication” and “citizen communication”

The twelfth article (Elena Cristina Murgu, *The President: the mediator of the conflicts between public authorities or part of a legal conflict of a constitutional nature?*) supports the subsequent goals of the research: the legal and constitutional provisions for the public authorities and the specific role of mediator granted to the President.

The following article (Mihaela Lupănescu, Mihai Ionuț Rădoi, *Economic and Environmental Sustainability in Agriculture: Organic Agriculture*) provides particular insights on the ecological issues and environmental sustainability by highlighting the relevance of the following topics: “organic agriculture”, “ecological function”, “biodiversity protection”, “ecological balance”, “sustainable agriculture” and “agroecosystems”.

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The research entitled *Environmental Protection: Soil Pollution and Waste Management* (author: Mihai Ionuț Rădoi) engages two main objectives of the research: the approach to the sustainability of development and the sustainability of agriculture, by providing an in-depth study of the links between agricultural pollution, soil protection and the factors of degradation.

The following article (Flavia Andreea Murtaza, *External Mobility for Work in Romania*) explores two complex topics of the social research: “migration” and “external mobility” by investigating the patterns of the economy at both levels: local and regional.

Moreover, the article Rafael Marchesan Tauil, Lucilélia Aparecida Colombo, Terrell Carver, “*Democracy and socialism before and after the fall of the Berlin Wall: An analysis of the interpretations of the intellectual and activist Francisco Weffort in Brazil*” triggers a discussion over the theoretical and conceptual fulfillment within ideological works.

Finally, the latest article signed by Cătălina Maria Georgescu, Silviu Dorin Georgescu, “*Learning from the Negotiations and Strategic Management of the EU Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF): a Media Profile and Discourse Analysis on EU Governance and Inter-Institutional Relations*” develops a media coverage study of the challenges to the negotiations and the agreement of the EU Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) together with an analysis of the factors contributing to European governance and inter-institutional relations.

The current issue 69/2021 of the *Revista de Științe Politice. Revue des Sciences Politiques* invites its readers to explore the research contributions of its authors on very specific topics engaged during the COVID-19 pandemic context. These studies set the ground for future seminal analyses on different strands of organizational resilience and governance research. The theoretical, conceptual and empirical dimensions of research balance the academic discussion and open key fields of study for the future of the (post)pandemic world: citizens' rights and freedoms, public authorities and national institutions, financial regulations and the banking sector, public works and public sector effectiveness, international organizations role and functioning, perspectives for workers and labour mobility, and climate change.

Wishing you all the best,

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