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## FOREWORD

International Conference Challenges of Contemporary Society takes place in the year when the Institute for sociological, political and juridical research celebrates 50 years of existence. Over the years the Institute continuously encouraged and opened research questions and issues in the different fields of social sciences, and, as a result, large number of scientific and applied projects were conducted. Within this half century of existence around 500 applied and scientific research projects had been conducted and more than 200 different publications were published. As a result of this continuous work the Institute has been involved in the management, promotion and development of socio-economic conditions in the Republic of Macedonia.

The Conference Challenges of Contemporary Society was in this spirit of anticipating societal changes and challenges. The aim of this Conference was to provide a forum for an interdisciplinary discussion for contemporary social issues.

The agenda of the Conference covers a wide range of very interesting issues related to the modern society and challenges from important social phenomena such as:

- Challenges for democracy and democratization;
- New media, new communication, new identities;
- Social challenges for contemporary society;
- Management, business and workforce issues in the 21st Century.

Contributions from the fields of sociology, political science, communication science, law, management, psychology, and also contributions regarding methodological issues related to how to study these phenomena, made this Conference significant and inspiring.

In this edition of the Annual of the ISPJR are several works of whose papers were successfully presented at this International Conference in the Section: Social challenges for contemporary society.

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