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## FOREWORD

It's my pleasure to introduce the latest issue of the international scientific journal Annual of the Institute for Sociological, Political and Juridical Research, especially because this year we celebrate the 40-years anniversary of its publishing. Each new number of the Annual represents a certain enrichment of the domestic and international scientific literature in the field of social sciences, and as well a useful source of information for the members of the academic community, creators of the national programs and policies, practitioners and students. The high interest and positive evaluations of the previous issues stimulate us to advance the contents and to contribute to the development of the scientific thought on a wider level and continuously.

For this issue, six scientific papers are selected, which have been positively evaluated by the reviewers with recommendations for their publication in our scientific journal. These papers, by using a contemporary methodological approach, analyze topics from different research and social interest: the rights of criminal victims; problems of the LGBT community; media and emotions during politic crisis; e-democracy and citizens' involvement; competency-based education of HR professionals; and student's ethnic identity.

We are open for collaboration and suggestions, and we hope for a higher response from our colleagues for the next issues of the Annual.

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