
FOREWORD

Dear reader,

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the *Special Edition Annual of the Institute for Sociological, Political and Juridical Research*.

The content of this edition consists of selected scientific papers presented at the international Conference *Challenges of Contemporary Society II* organized in 2017 by our Institute. Conference themes frame had been kept wide, including challenges for democracy and democratization, management business and workforce interrelations, contemporary social challenges, as well as media, public health and education trends. The outcome of this position is the variety of papers that you will be able to enjoy, like participation behavior in student organizing, gender gap in charitable giving in Bulgaria, changes in marital behavior in the case of Macedonia, emerging trends of semi-authoritarianism in Serbia and others.

I hope you will find this Annual Special Edition both informative and interesting and that it will give you a greater understanding of the themes which have been elaborated by our contributors. Ultimately, our goal is to attract readers who have interest on these areas and to further instigate regional academic exchange of thoughts and vigorous debate.

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