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## FOREWORD

Dear riders,

It is my great pleasure to present to you the new issue of the Institute's international scientific 2019 Annual.

Each new number of the Annual represents a certain enrichment of the domestic and international scientific literature in the field of social science. In this edition, the Institute for Sociological Political and Juridical Research has chosen to present six papers, which has been positively evaluate by the reviewers. These papers analyze topics from different research and social interest (aspects) as: EU myth vs. Balkan identity talking about Balkanophobe and Balkanophile paradigm, the state responsibilities in the maintaining peace in the framework of international organizations, legal issues in terms of prevention of corruption, effects of employee training and development on firm performance taking the evidence from successful companies in North Macedonia, sociology and urban planning and the processes of actual desecularization.

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

**Editor-in-chief**

**Bojana Naumovska PhD**

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