

FOREWORD

Dear Readers,

In post-pandemic times, the scientific and professional focus re-shifts from the then-pressing pandemic societal issues, primarily health-related, economic and democratic ones, to the lasting issues of overall social advancement. Yet, the impact and lessons from the crisis is still borne in mind. Subsequently, the Institute for Sociological, Political and Juridical Research in Skopje is no exception from these global endeavours as far as its thematic scientific determination is concerned which partially reflects in the contents, accepted to be published, in this issue of the Annual.

The Annual is set within broader topical framework, however, the legal perspectives prevail in this instance. To expand, an article provides significant insights of the conundrum of the value of life through the prism of legal provisions and practices of euthanasia in the most contemporary sense. Another one sets the course for *de lege ferenda* regarding the ever-relevant issue of Macedonian criminal treatment of children by previous analysis of the retributive versus restorative justice concerning child delinquency. The third legal article is focused on depiction of the property relation of spouses with a chronological continental overview. Consistent with the aspiration towards modernity, the Annual also contains an article providing the explication of the legal framework of the European Union's space policy contextualized with the international law and the rules for legal supremacy.

Moving further along towards more interdisciplinary works, there is an article treating the phenomenon of radicalization of youth, with accent on its reasons for occurrence, by also elaborating the global, European and Macedonian context of the possibility for its countering, mainly through youth education. Another article identifies the efficiency of the performance management within the local government in the Republic of North Macedonia, culminating in providing general parameters for improvement in this sphere. Then, the topic of creating extra income during a pandemic along with the health systems functional integration perspective also contributes to this Annual's issue.

A single article elaborates upon the relation between the socio-demographically determined morality and the religious features of the population of the Macedonian Ohrid-Struga region. On a more global scale, another article reflects on the persecution of religious minorities and various governmental and other subjects' discriminatory acting in the context of the last pandemic crisis.

Given these versatile works, on behalf of the Institute, I express my gratitude to the authors and reviewers for their contribution to this volume of the Annual and I hope that the reading audience would find in it relevant aspects for professional knowledge enrichment.

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