

## EDITORIAL

We greet the reader on the occasion of the publication of the seventh issue of our scientific periodical, the Central European Papers (C.E.P.). This number is not dedicated to the celebration of any current historical anniversary, event or person. The present issue of the Central European Papers reflects different aspects of Central European topics. Among the articles, the reader can find several papers related to the complicated history of electoral law, minority issues, constitutional development, state languages policies, foreign policy or EU development.

Two articles deal with South-Eastern Europe. The issues of Central European identity and the question which countries belong to this region are often discussed in scientific circles, but we use here the wider concept of Central Europe. The second reason for this choice is the permanent impact of South-Eastern European events (unfortunately mainly wars) on the history of Europe. We have to remember two facts: it was twenty five years ago that the last Balkan war started (1991–1995) and only twenty years ago that the implementation of the Dayton Peace Agreement began.

The authors of the current volume are respected scholars from the Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia. Readers can find among the authors university professors, scientific researchers and PhD students, too. The majority of articles are concerned with historical themes, but the readers can find here international and current EU topics as well.

We hope that this issue of the Central European Papers will be useful not only for scholars but also for graduate and undergraduate students as well as for non-professional readers. Problems of the postwar international negotiations, the electoral law and minorities, the history of constitutional development and EU policies are permanently recurrent topics in our Central European life. The research and interpretation of these topics are always very much on the agenda.

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