

EDITORIAL

We greet the reader on the occasion of the publication of the twelfth issue of the Central European Papers (C.E.P.). This number of our scientific journal is dedicated to different historical, legal and sociological topics. The article regarding history deals with the comparison of the situation of Freistaat Danzig and Saarland under the auspices of the League of Nations. One article focuses on the relationship between nativism, populism and nationalism. Three articles deal with different aspects and levels of referenda in the Central European countries: one with the national referendum in Hungary, one with the local level of referendum in Slovakia and one with the referendum as a medium (demonstration) of freedom and democracy. Unfortunately, the problem of extremism is very actual in Europe again. Our journal, which is open also to sensitive issues, devotes one article to this complicated topic as well.

This year we are celebrating the jubilees of two important professors of our University: the 70th birthday of Professor Rudolf Žáček, who is the former Rector of Silesian University in Opava and currently a Dean of our Faculty. Professor Dušan Janák, who also reached 70 years, many years ago had established the Faculty of Public Policies and was the first Dean of this Faculty. Both professors are recognized historians dealing with modern Czech, Moravian and Silesian history. Two papers represent their scientific and tutorial achievements. Finally, we publish reviews about current books dealing with the logic of political history in Hungary.

The authors of the current volume are respected scholars from Poland, Slovakia and Hungary. Readers can find among them scientific researchers, professors and PhD students as well. We hope that this issue of Central European Papers (C.E.P.) will be useful not only for scholars but also for graduate and undergraduate students as well as for non-professional readers.

Editors