

EDITORIAL

We greet the reader on the occasion of the publication of the sixteenth issue of the Central European Papers (C.E.P.). This number of our scientific journal is dedicated to different topics from the area of constitutional law, social state, foreign policy, history and political science. The authors of these articles are famous former diplomats, professors and scholars from Hungary, Poland and Slovakia. They have theoretical erudition and also practical experience in the field of their studies.

This issue was prepared in the shadow of the 30th anniversary of the start of the Visegrád cooperation. Thirty years ago the political leaders of post-communist Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland signed an important declaration about the cooperation among their countries. The two main goals of this cooperation were, on the one hand, the creation of the conditions of peaceful coexistence in Central Europe and on the other hand also the Euro-Atlantic integration of this sensitive area. Currently we are publishing here an interview with the former Hungarian minister of foreign affairs Géza Jeszenszky, who participated in the preparation and realisation of the high level meeting very actively. The former Hungarian state secretary and professor Iván Bába is publishing here a very timely article about the position of Central Europe within the European Union. Researchers from Slovakia (Dalibor Mikuš and Richard Geffert) have written papers about the relationship between political parties and churches in Slovakia, and about social justice and the valorisation of old age pensions in this country. The Polish scholars (Joanna Podgórska-Rykała and Marcin Kępa) are dealing here with the position of the private foundations in the Polish legal system. Finally, the young Hungarian scholar Lea Pődör has prepared a very interesting article about the „trolleyology” and autonomous vehicles from the legal and moral point of view.

Every topic of this issue, which wishes to cover the age-old problems of foreign policy, public politics, social system and modern technologies is absolutely timely. We hope that this new 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 living here in Central Europe and living outside of our region, too.

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