

Introduction

It is with great pleasure that we present to you the first issue of the journal “Studies and Analyses of Political Science” in 2023, and thus we open the fourth year of the periodical’s activity. Over the years, the journal has become an important academic forum where in-depth analyses and assessments of key political, military and economic issues have been presented, not only on a global, but also on a regional or local level. An important value of the publication is both its scientific and practical nature. The structure of the journal consists of articles, research reports, reviews, accounts and polemics. The journal publishes articles in Polish and English. The journal’s subject matter covers issues in the broad fields of political science and administration, international relations, security, recent history and political communication. Each section is edited by an independent editorial team made up of researchers, employees of the centres cooperating with the editorial office in Poland and abroad, specialists in their fields.

In 2020-2022, the editorial team managed to finalise six issues of the Journal in a timely manner and introduce the periodical into numerous databases. In 2021, an *online first* publication procedure was launched, which provided the opportunity to publish articles earlier and increased the attractiveness of the journal itself. After two years of operation, the journal was included in the ministerial list of journals. A distinctive feature of the periodical is the thematic diversity of each issue, which makes it possible to highlight issues in the fields of, among others, international relations, globalisation, migration, refugees, international security, including energy, mass media and new media. Since its inception, “Studies and Analyses of Political Science” has been open to authors from all over the world. The journal hosts scientists from Europe, Asia and Africa. The advantage of such diversity is the multiplicity of analyses and the use of different research perspectives.

The current dynamic of changing international reality points to the progressive destabilization of the global system. At this point, the security architecture of the region and the world is slowly being rebuilt. You can see two opposing blocs forming – on the one hand, these are Democratic states, centred around the United States and the European Union, on the other, authoritarian states headed by China and Russia, along with states that favour their policies. The phenomena associated with migration, the influence of the media and modern technologies are gaining momentum.

The theme of the issue is highly diverse, ranging from problems in the field of media studies and migration, through Lithuanian foreign policy in the 20th century, to the role of modern technologies during the pandemic. The wide range of issues guarantees a diverse scientific discussion and thus ensures the timeliness of the publication. An undoubted advantage is the high degree of interdisciplinarity of research. In the pages of the current volume, we welcome both domestic and foreign authors.

This issue opens with an article on migration and its importance to European security. Authors Eleni Daniiloudi-Zielińska, Magdalena El Ghamari and Małgorzata Gąsior, in their publication *The Mediterranean Dimension of Irregular Migration 2014-2017 and its Implications for the Perception of European Security*, identified a number of important factors determining the phenomenon of the influx of people into Europe and described the risks involved. The second article deals with new trends in social media in Vietnam. An international team of researchers Phuong Thi Vi, Sabahudin Hadžialić, and Adamkolo Mohammed Ibrahim, in their paper *Vietnam's Online Newspaper Development Trend in the Context of Social Media*, identified audience-attractive factors that simultaneously favour social media development.

In the third article *Digital Literacy and Awareness of User Location Privacy: What People in Turkey Know About Google COVID-19 Community Mobility Reports?* authors Ilknur Nina Paslanmaz Uluğ and Cem Sefa Sütçü have raised many questions about the usefulness of modern technologies in everyday life, mainly in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. The fourth article is the work of Jarosław Płachecki, Cezary Smuniewski and Karolina Kochańczyk-Bonińska *Polish Organizations in Ireland. A Stimulus for Research on the National Security of the Republic of Poland* in which the researchers analysed the importance of Polish organizations in the context of Polish security policy.

The closing article is the publication of Martinas Malužinas *Actions of Ernestas Galvanauskas Towards the Hymans Plan – Internal Political Circumstances*

on an important issue related to Lithuania's foreign policy and its relations with Poland in the interwar period.

An integral part of the journal "Studies and Analyses of Political Science" are reports. The first, by Aneta Bąk-Pitucha, was dedicated to International Scientific Conference "Cybersecurity Threats - Russian Aggression Against Ukraine and Disinformation", which took place on March 16, 2023. The second, prepared by Anna Szachoń-Pszenny, concerns the All-Polish Scientific Conference 'From Lublin to Lisbon - 15 Years of Poland in the Schengen Area. Benefits for civil society', which was organised on 27 April 2023 at The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin.

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