

Introduction

I am pleased to hand over to the reader the issue that closes the fourth year of the journal "Studies and Analysis of Political Science." This is an important year for our editorial team. In July 2023, the score for our journal, which is on the ministerial list of journals, was raised to 40. On the pages of the periodical with each issue are new names and new affiliations of Authors and Reviewers. Thank you for helping us to continuously improve the quality of the analyses contained in the journal.

The year 2023 is critical from the perspective of international and national politics. We are closing it with unresolved multiple and multidimensional crises in the world. Russia's aggression against Ukraine continues, Israel's war against Hamas has begun, migratory waves and pervasive disinformation and propaganda continue to pose serious threats. In Poland, December 2023 went down in history as the month in which the new government of Donald Tusk was established.

The topics presented in this issue are diversified, ranging from issues raised in the jurisprudence of *ad hoc* international criminal tribunals, the transnational advocacy market and Poland's position *vis-à-vis* the migration wave from the south, to the concept of limiting disinformation.

The issue begins with an article by Arkadiusz Domagała, entitled *Forms of Sexual Violence in the Jurisprudence of Ad Hoc International Criminal Tribunals*. As the Author emphasises, the article aims to point out the main elements of the process of identifying and defining forms of sexual violence in the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, as well as to screen the jurisprudential practice of the *ad hoc* criminal tribunals in terms of the forms of sexual violence identified.

Anna Moraczewska, Author of the second article entitled *The Transnational Advocacy Market – Pragmatic Altruism of Non-governmental Organisations (NGOs)*, devoted her text to NGOs, their specificities and their strategy of action.

Anna Szachoń-Pszenny and Alicja Zygula, in their publication *Poland in the Face of the Migration Wave from the South in 2023 – Position Towards the New EU Migration Pact, Including the Reintroduction of Border Control with Slovakia*, presented Poland's position towards the EU's proposal to address the new wave of the migration crisis across the southern external borders of the European Union. The article also brought closer the circumstances of the temporary restoration of control at the border between Poland and Slovakia.

Martinas Malužinas, on the other hand, in his article entitled *Armoured Information as a Promising Concept to Reduce Disinformation – a New Element of Armoured Democracy?* discussed the concept of armoured information, whose main task is to protect the transmitted data. In his text, the Author attempted to show the close relationship between the idea of armoured information with the category of armoured democracy or the recently established category of armoured constitution.

An integral part of the journal "Studies and Analysis of Political Science" are reports. In the current issue, I would like to encourage you to read a report prepared by Aneta Bąk-Pitucha on the 4th All-Poland Congress of European Studies in Krakow, which took place on September 20–22, 2023, as well as a report by Anna Szachoń-Pszenny on the International Scientific Conference "Historical-Legal and Political-Economic Dimensions of the War in Ukraine" taking place in Zamość on October 19–20, 2023.

I hope that the diverse range of subjects covered in the current issue will allow every reader to find an interesting study for themselves.

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