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Welcome to the fourth issue in 2015 of the *Revista de Științe Politice. Revue des Sciences Politiques* (hereinafter **RSP**). The content and the thematic of the journal provided since issue 41/2014 are dedicated to encounter the East and West political challenges recently debated by the academic community and scientists. The content of issue 48/2015 gathers the academia across post-communist memories and local patterns in-between East and West cultural legacies and current political and international security challenges. The intercultural, multicultural and transcultural approaches to the study of politics, policies and polity render the specificity of an ultimately transitionally challenged geopolitical space. The articles gathered under the latest issue of **RSP** (48/2015) offer a critical understanding of post-communist change under the most debated aspects of memories and perceptions, sense of sovereignty and constructed image of the „other”.

Thus, Radu-Cristian Petcu introduces the interested reader into the issue of „legacy of memory past in sense-making” aiming at promoting the transition process as „paths of dependency” featuring the collective memory logic. The approach is institutionalist, the critical argument being that „collective memory can be institutionalised” or rather tapped and distributed within an established imagology of the past, present and future. All in all, a study on meaning, narrative structures and political culture that offers the key to uncover the recent history...

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Within this company, Drita Mamuti Fazlia brings forth the challenges for transitional justice to proceed to the implementation of international law within strait-laced constitutional frameworks backed by the principle of sovereignty. Zemri Elezi and Zinepe Elezi also place their study within the politically challenged geographic space of the former Yugoslavia. The article bends over the review of constitutional aspects drafted as a result of internationally-imposed peace settlement proposing an alternative under the form of a "joint effort with the international community". Remaining in the same geopolitical space, Fadil Zendeli proposes the „decentralization of power as problem-solving in the inter-ethnic relations”, while, within the same area, Elmi Aziri draws an image of the Macedonian effects of income and public expenditures on their participation in GDP. As the reader shall see, within the democratization logic, intercultural education was drafted as a means to acquire complex professional competences in postmodernity (Florentina Mogonea).

Taking a leap into history, the article signed by Elena Steluța Dinu discusses the international political and diplomatic context surrounding the Crimean War which led to the internationalization of the Romanian cause and the change in the supranational protectorate of the Great Powers. Within a historiographical endeavour, Florin Nacu examines the modern social and political structures in Romania with a special focus on the “artificially” introduced socialist ideological changes. Moving forward, Mihai Ghițulescu analyses the historiography about cabinet formation practices of the interwar Romanian state aiming at de-constructing the “democratic traditions of the Romanian people” constitutional logic.

The Romanian legal and constitutional establishment is further discovered as Roxana Radu and Loredana Belu analyse the legal system of rights attached to the social policies designed to „provide professional rehabilitation and vocational integration of people with disabilities”. Public policies as electoral matters are the trigger for the study signed by Georgeta Ghionea on the presidential elections, the vector of the voting pattern and the analyses at local/county level. Within a comparative project, Faisal Al-Temimi brings forward the cross-national research on children’s rights protection and institutional capacities, while Răducu Răzvan Dobre further particularises the discussion with a special focus on adoption procedures. Encounters of legal regulations and challenges under the Romanian Civil Code and economic aspects are a key for the article signed by Cristina Stanciu while the article signed by Veronica Gheorghică and Alexandrina Bădescu (Pădurețu) covers the demographic policies of Romanian post-communist governments with a particular emphasis on their socio-economic effects. Within the post-communist constitutional framework Petr Just places his study on the constructive motion of no confidence arguing for the increase in the stability of governments. Jakub Charvát discovers the dimensions of overrepresentation and underrepresentation in relation to the European Parliament mandates allocation according to the principle of degressive proportionality.

We consider that the main task of the latest *RSP* issue to assess *Post-Communist Memories and Local Patterns In-Between East and West* leads to a deeper understanding of the transition phenomenon and an orientation of the academia.

We would like to salute the presentation of innovative solutions and to present our sincere thanks to all the authors of our journal in all its 48 issues!

Wishing you all the best,

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