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Organizations-Administration-Rule of Law: Screening Post-Communist Pitfalls

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The state of affairs of post-Communist transitions towards democratic regimes has stimulated the efforts to consider and examine various situations and solutions. It is the mission of the *Revista de Științe Politice. Revue des Sciences Politiques (RSP)*, Issue 59/2018 to bring forward up-to-date, high quality and original papers exposing different angles, research methodologies and perspectives of the organizations-administration-rule of law matrix:

- a) Descriptive historical and political encounters

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- b) Analytic thinking of the shifts in the political system
- c) Critical and comparative legal thinking and arguing
- d) Policy options rendered available through quantitative analyses and strategic management instruments
- e) Qualitative research of policy-making and policy-implementation through content analysis, interviews and unstructured questionnaires.

The current Issue 59/2018 of *Revista de Științe Politice. Revue des Sciences Politiques (RSP)* accumulates the results of studies concentrated around the *Organizations-Administration-Rule of Law* triad. The objective assumed in Issue 59/2018 of *Revista de Științe Politice. Revue des Sciences Politiques (RSP)* is to ensure the continuity in screening post-Communist pitfalls:

- (1) The violent 1989 revolution and the first decade of Romanian post-Communism pitfalls claimed a political and historical perspective, combining academia narratives and analyses in the study entitled „*The perception of the West upon the Romanian Transition after the Romanian Revolution from December 1989. A Historical Perspective. The 1990's period*” (Ioan Dragoș Mateescu).
- (2) Situated in the context of complications and hindrances generated by any crossing, the next article “*Organizational Change: Framing the Issues*” (Simona Rodat) renders a modern, general framework-generating approach to organizational development, featuring a causes-effects analysis of change resistance and identifying accurate solutions.
- (3) In the aftermath of post-Communism fall, a screening of both home and foreign affairs in a specific political context inferring on the equation which puts together both inter-ethnic and inter-state relations offers significant insights in the study “*Inter-Ethnic Relations in Albania: The Causality Between Inter-Ethnic and Inter-State Relations*” (Agon Demjaha and Ylber Sela).
- (4) More post-Communist transition-related changes are dealt with in the paper entitled “*Media in the Political Context of Post-communist Montenegro*” (Natasa Ruzic) which offers an in-depth description of the changes in the Montenegrin media system and media market, the political context, political pressures and the legislative framework which bound professional relations in the field.
- (5) Dwelling on the normative-administrative relation during post-Communism, the article entitled “*Some Considerations about Solutions of the Courts in the Area of Administrative Litigation?*” (Claudiu Angelo Gherghină) concentrates on discussing and analysing the regulatory process within public authorities and the solutions adopted by the judicial system to solve the fallacies in the adoption and implementation of administrative acts.
- (6) Maintaining the discussion in the public administrations realm, the study entitled „*Strategic Management in the Local Public Administration Institutions. Case study: Application of the Balanced Scorecard instrument in the Zalău City Hall*” (Andreea Mihaela Niță and Cristina Ilie Goga) correlates the theoretical perspectives of strategic management studies to the in-depth empirical

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institutional assessment of policy-making and policy-implementation through operative analytical instruments specific to this field.

- (7) Moving the discussion to the beneficiaries of the administrative act, the study „*Redefining Civil Society in Relation to their Relationship with the State and their Contribution to the Building of the Rule of Law*” (Maria Nicoleta Morar) touches upon the relationship among civil society-state-rule of law. The approach is comparative content analysis applied to legal and constitutional texts.
- (8) Meanwhile, the legal approach to the study of criminal law resumes the discussion regarding the rule of law by permuting the principles of criminal law to a postmodern context in the article “*Liberalization of the Principles of Criminal Law. Towards a Postmodern Criminal Law in Romania?*” (Mădălina-Cristina Putinei).
- (9) Shifting the discussion to other categories of public services and public policies beneficiaries, the study “*Spaces and Encounters in Romanian Hospitals Make Us Sicker*”. *Romanian Patients’ Discourses about Medical System* (Valentina Marinescu) adds a response to the loopholes in the Romanian health care system through „auto-ethnography” qualitative methodology, starting from the assumption that the design and effective management of the medical system requires the meeting of patients’ projections and expectation.
- (10) A similar perspective is rendered in the study entitled „*Shame and Humiliation of Breast Cancer Patients – Communication Pitfalls with Oncology Cases*” (Ioana Silistraru) which highlights the effects of solid communication policies and practices between doctors and patients in accomplishing the medical act within public healthcare services and units.
- (11) Furthermore, the political tensions within the executive relations are brought to light through a historical insight of the political act bearing overwhelming political consequences in the article entitled “*10th/ 11th of February 1938 in Interwar Romanian Politics: an Almighty King and a Political Class on its Knees*” (Mihaela Ilie).

We hope you enjoy Issue 59/2018 of *Revista de Științe Politice. Revue des Sciences Politiques (RSP)*.

Wishing you all the best,

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