

EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

The first issue of the scientific journal *Facta Universitatis – Series Law and Politics*, for the year 2015 includes scientific papers in the field of law and politics. The members of the new Editorial Board and the Editor-in-Chief, Prof. dr Miomira Kostić, hereby extend their appreciation to all contributing authors from the country and abroad, as well as special gratitude to the individual reviewers, whose submissions and reviews have substantially contributed to the publication of this issue.

This issue includes articles dealing with a wide range of contemporary issues.

Miodrag Simović, Marina Simović and Vladimir Simović examine the comparative law aspects of assessing illegal evidence in the contemporary law of evidence, pointing out that a majority of legal systems do not apply absolute exclusion rules pertaining to illegal evidence in criminal proceedings but use various exceptions.

Nataša Golubović, Marija Džunić and Srđan Golubović discuss the issue of trust in political institutions in Western Balkan countries, emphasizing that the issue of legitimacy is especially important for the consolidation of new democracies, such as Western Balkan countries.

Dragiša Drakić analyzes the correlation between the ability to undertake an action that constitutes a criminal offence and mental capacity, as well as the correlation between mental capacity and guilt (culpability).

Dejan Janićijević examines the key issues pertaining to the participation of multiple parties in the arbitration procedure, focusing on the analysis on a US Supreme Court decision that has set grounds for restricting multi-party arbitration only to situations where participation of multiple parties in a single proceeding is expressly provided for in the arbitration agreement.

Miomira Kostić and Filip Mirić elaborate on the distinction between the concepts of juvenile delinquency and juvenile crime, and other forms of juvenile deviant behaviour, which are significant in terms of social response and public attitude to the specific illicit behaviour.

Aleksandar Mojašević discusses the theoretical models of lawyer-client counseling, their advantages and limitations. After reviewing the standard models of lawyer-client counseling, he focuses on the cognitive lawyer-client counseling model, developed within the framework of scientific discipline of Behavioral Law and Economics.

Maja Nastić examines the issue of constitutional review of international agreements by providing a comparative law analysis of the legislative framework envisaged in Austria, Germany, France, Spain and Serbia.

Yinka Olomjobi elaborates on the sexual (gender) politics and democracy in Nigeria, whose political transformation has been tainted by years of military dictatorship which has significantly limited the social and political participation and representation of women in power structures, public offices and decision-making bodies.

We hope you will enjoy reading the results of scientific research on the law and politics issues that the contributing authors have chosen to discuss in their theoretical and empirical research.

The multidisciplinary nature of the submitted papers and the authors' choice of current legal and political issues indicate that our scientific journal *Facta Universitatis – Series Law and Politics* is open to different approaches to the legal and political issues under observation and committed to publishing scientific articles across a wide range of social sciences and humanities. In that context, we invite you to submit research articles on topics of your professional interest.

Editor-in-Chief

Prof. Miomira Kostić, LL.D.

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