

FOREWORD FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Double anniversary: 100 issues and half a century of ‘Studia Iuridica’.

Dear Readers and Authors of ‘Studia Iuridica’,

The 100th issue of our journal, managed by the Faculty of Law and Administration of the University of Warsaw, is now being published and since its first volume appeared in 1974, it marks half a century of the journal’s existence. Scientific journals are important insofar as they reflect – much earlier and more clearly than monographs, systems and commentaries – the evolution of the discipline of the science they serve, here: jurisprudence. It is difficult to update the journal in one stroke; it is created day by day, in constant collaboration between editors, authors and readers.

The authors of texts published in ‘Studia Iuridica’ are mainly academics, doctoral students and sometimes even graduates of the Faculty whose dissertations have been given distinction. Nevertheless, after the publication of the first successful attempt in the form of ‘Two Approaches to Private Law: German and Polish’ = ‘Studia Iuridica’ 2013, No. 56, pp. 7–72, the English-language section of ‘Working Papers of Doctoral Studies at the Law Faculty, Warsaw’, was unfortunately not continued. The so-called Student Voice by Michał Magdziak in *Participation of the Defender in the Procedural Activities of Pre-trial Proceedings – Selected Issues* = ‘Studia Iuridica’ 2014, No. 59, pp. 359–381, was not picked up by anyone else either.

Naturally, researchers from other, also foreign, centres have also published and are publishing in ‘Studia Iuridica’. As for the content of individual issues, so-called miscellanea, i.e. publications of diverse content, predominated among them, while one volume, ‘Studia Iuridica’ 1995, No. 30, was given a more original name – ‘Satura’. Quite often, however, SI volumes have had a guiding thought and thus have been published as so-called thematic issues. These have included

historical publications such as ‘Law of the Stalinist Period’ = ‘Studia Iuridica’ 1992, No. 22, ‘Criminal Law in the Stalinist Period’ = ‘Studia Iuridica’ 1995, No. 27 and 1999, No. 35 or ‘On the Future of Polish Constitutionalism’ = ‘Studia Iuridica’ 1992, No. 24.

There is also no shortage of issues devoted to the history of our Faculty with ‘To the Teachers of the Secret Faculty of Law of the University of Warsaw’ = ‘Studia Iuridica’ 1993, No. 25 or ‘75 Years of Activity of the Faculty of Law of the Reborn University of Warsaw’ = ‘Studia Iuridica’ 1995, No. 29 serving as examples. What is more, valuable historical publications on the Tsarist University of 1869-1915 were also published in miscellanea, e.g. review articles by Marzenna Paszkowska, *Z dziejów Wydziału Prawa Cesarskiego Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego 1869-1915* = ‘Studia Iuridica’ 2003, No. 42, pp. 151–161 and Adam Bosiacki, *On the History of the Law Department of the University of Warsaw Through the Eyes of a Contemporary Russian Legal Historian* = ‘Studia Iuridica’ 2006, No. 45, pp. 19–30.

Successful thematic volumes on the law in force include ‘On the Problems of Liability for Damages’ = ‘Studia Iuridica’ 2007, No. 47, ‘Consent as an Expression of Will Autonomy’ = ‘Studia Iuridica’ 2008, No. 49, ‘Between Substantive and Procedural Civil Law’ = ‘Studia Iuridica’ 2017, No. 70, ‘Bio-banks. A Challenge in the Era of Big Data’ = ‘Studia Iuridica’ 2018, No. 73, ‘On the Issues of the Language of Law’ = ‘Studia Iuridica’ 2020, No. 83, ‘Disciplinary Responsibility of Students’ = ‘Studia Iuridica’ 2020, No. 84, or ‘30 Years of Reactivated Local Self-Government of the Republic of Poland’ = ‘Studia Iuridica’ 2020, No. 85. Each of these volumes has different, distinguished scientific editors, whom I apologize for omitting their names to save space.

A number of thematic volumes have been published in English. These include ‘Collective Labour Law’ = ‘Studia Iuridica’ 2015, No. 60, ‘Legal Education and Legal Profession in the Global World. Polish-American Perspectives’ = ‘Studia Iuridica’ 2016, No. 62, ‘Phoenix Cities: Urban Recovery and Resilience in the Wake of Conflict, Crisis and Disaster’ = ‘Studia Iuridica’ 2016, No. 63, ‘Current Challenges for Criminal Law: Foreign Cultures and Terrorism’ = ‘Studia Iuridica’ 2016, No. 67, ‘The Impact of European Law on Polish and Ukrainian Legal Systems’ = ‘Studia Iuridica’ 2017, No. 71, ‘The Rule of Law: Polish-American Comparative Perspective’ = ‘Studia Iuridica’ 2019, No. 79 and ‘The Functions of the Supreme Court. Issues of Process and Administration of Justice’ = ‘Studia Iuridica’ 2019, No. 81.

In the current era of abundance, we have managed to forget that in the 1970s and 1980s, and even as late as the 1990s, there was a chronic shortage of paper, which was an inherent feature of the real-socialist economy, followed by the post-socialist economy. Doctorates were not printed at all, and no one had yet dreamed of 600-page post-doctoral dissertations; the first thing a postdoctoral fellow had to do was line up for a paper assignment. Therefore, ‘Studia Iuridica’

often hosted two more categories of publications, which today exist autonomously. These are so-called anniversary and commemorative volumes and collections of materials from symposia and scientific conferences.

The first category includes, amongst many others, 'Problems of Labor Law. A Volume Dedicated to Zbigniew Salwa' = 'Studia Iuridica' 1992, No. 23, 'On the Theory and Practice of Constitutionalism. Works Offered to Professor Andrzej Gwizdź' = 'Studia Iuridica' 1995, No. 28 and 'Nodal Issues of Criminal Procedure. A Volume in Honor of Professor Andrzej Murzynowski' = 'Studia Iuridica' 1997, No. 33. The volume 'On the Issues of Contemporary Civil Law. A Commemorative Volume in Honor of Professor Tomasz Dybowski' = 'Studia Iuridica' 1994, No. 21, is – somewhat contrary to the title – a classic anniversary issue, and only the later volume, 'Protection of Property' = 'Studia Iuridica' 2010, No. 52, was dedicated to the memory of Tomasz Dybowski as a posthumous work, but without indicating this in the title.

Other volumes commemorating deceased professors of our Faculty include 'Contemporary Problems of Public Administration. A Volume Dedicated to the Memory of Professor Marek Elżanowski' = 'Studia Iuridica' 1996, No. 32 and 'On the Issues of Civil Procedural Law. A Collection of Dissertations Dedicated to the Memory of Professor Maria Jędrzejewska' = 'Studia Iuridica' 2018, No. 75. Naturally, our journal has also printed classic obituaries, generally in the *In Memoriam* column. It was particularly extensive in the volume 'Studia Iuridica' 1996, No. 31, pp. 209-245, which contained obituaries of professors W. Czachórski, M. Elżanowski, W. Góralczyk, A. Kaftal, H. Kupiszewski, J. Służewski and W. Sobociński, who died in 1994–95.

As for the category of materials from scientific sessions and conferences organized at the Faculty of Law of the University of Warsaw, we should mention first of all 'On the Past of Polish Constitutionalism. Session Materials' = 'Studia Iuridica' 1992, No. 24. The title 'Contemporary Face of Criminal Law' = 'Studia Iuridica' 2017, No. 69 accommodated materials from the 2nd Krakow-Warsaw Criminal Seminar, held on May 27-29, 2016 in Krynica Zdroj, while the title 'Miscellanea' = 'Studia Iuridica' 2023, No. 96 presented papers from the conference on so-called indigenous peoples that bore the title 'Indigenous Peoples: Theory and Practice' and took place at the Faculty of Law of the UW on September 25, 2020.

An interesting thematic and anniversary volume is the Russian-Polish publication 'Private Law Beyond Borders. A Volume in Memory of Professor Gabriel Szerszeniewicz on the 100th Anniversary of his Death' = 'Studia Iuridica' 2013, No. 57. The volume 'Nodal Issues of Civil Law on the 100th Anniversary of the Birth of Professor Witold Czachórski' = 'Studia Iuridica' 2016, No. 64 was also a commemorative edition. An example of volumes dedicated to great lawyers is 'Leon Petrażycki and His Work' = 'Studia Iuridica' 2018, No. 74, published in honor of the patron of our Faculty. Finally, other volumes include 'On the Issues of

Criminal Law’ = ‘*Studia Iuridica*’ 2006, No. 46 and ‘Amendments to the Criminal Code of 2015. Selected Issues’ = ‘*Studia Iuridica*’ 2016, No. 65.

‘*Studia Iuridica*’ remains faithful to the format of a “faculty” journal. Thus, we have published faculty inaugural lectures, e.g. Hubert Izdebski’s lecture ‘Dignity and Human Rights in the Teaching of John Paul II’ = ‘*Studia Iuridica*’ 2006, No. 45, pp. 297–303, and even lectures that crowned post-doctoral research, e.g. Andrzej Wach’s lecture ‘Legal Responsibility for Doping in Sport’ = ‘*Studia Iuridica*’ 2008, No. 48, pp. 373–385. The pages of ‘*Studia Iuridica*’ have presented ‘Bibliographic Compilations of the More Important Publications’ of the Faculty staff, as well as so-called chronicles of the Faculty, informing especially about scientific conferences and other important events in the faculty’s life – edited by prof. Grażyna Baltrusajtys, a long-term chairwoman of the journal’s Program Council.

Dear and Respected Readers and Authors of ‘*Studia Iuridica*’,

It is hard to hide the fact that we are living in an era of plagiarism and imitation. In this context, a number of law journals inspired by our title have begun to appear: domestically, the oldest is ‘*Studia Iuridica Silesiana*’, a journal inaugurated in 1976, but no longer published, followed by, ‘*Studia Iuridica Lublinensia*’, ‘*Studia Iuridica Toruniensia*’, and ‘*Studia Iuridica Agraria*’ published since the beginning of the century, and foreign journals, such as ‘*Studia Iuridica Montegrina*’. As usual, however, it turns out that there is only one original. It is now published in the modern Open Access system. We have no intention of renaming it to ‘*Studia Iuridica Varsoviensia*’. We have no shortage of texts, once called ‘manuscripts’, submitted to our editors,

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