

## FOREWORD

This passing year brought plenty of scholarly events to the Faculty of Law and Administration at the University of Warsaw – conferences, conventions, seminars and workshops. This issue of *Studia Iuridica* is to be devoted exclusively to the *21<sup>st</sup> Polish-Austrian Seminar on Criminal Law*, organized together by the University of Salzburg (*Universität Salzburg*) and the University of Warsaw.

Professors, junior academics and students, hailing not only from the Universities of Warsaw and Salzburg, but also other institutions, partook in this important scholarly event of long tradition. The problems discussed in the course of the Seminar are particularly significant and topical, which is evidenced by its theme: *Current challenges for criminal law: foreign cultures and terrorism*. The Seminar took place from 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

The seminars we organize are underpinned by the idea of initiating relevant – not only academically but also socially – discussions, on the challenges of today which criminal law must face up to. In this way, academic considerations and a social perspective are married together. Seminar participants may familiarize themselves with the latest criminal concepts, diagnose the causes of pertinent phenomena and put forward proposals *de lege ferenda*. Following the conclusion of the *21<sup>st</sup> Polish-Austrian Seminar on Criminal Law*, we all agreed that the subject and our debates thereon are of such value that it was worthwhile to publish academic papers with a view to joining the international discourse on the contemporary challenges encountered by criminal law, many of which stem from the increasing wave of immigration as well as the rise of terrorism.

Courtesy of the Dean of the Faculty of Law and Administration at the University of Warsaw, the result of our work is published in the form of a special issue of the *Studia Iuridica* magazine.

The success of this endeavour would not materialize if not for the tremendous effort of the participants of the *21<sup>st</sup> Polish-Austrian Seminar on Criminal Law*. We are appreciative not only of the speakers whose papers were subsequently cleared for publication, but also of those whose talks and comments enriched our academic debate. We wish to thank Prof Tomasz Giaro, the Dean of the Faculty of Law and Administration at the University of Warsaw, who supported the organization of the Seminar as well as the publication of this special issue. Thanks are also extended to our Austrian partners and friends.

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