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Rights and Freedoms Research in a Pandemic Context

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The current issue of the *Revista de Științe Politice. Revue des Sciences Politiques* launched in September 2020 during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic challenges a new dimension of the social research by pinpointing the complex thematic of the rights and freedoms research in a pandemic context. The research is multidimensional and overtakes the most relevant subjects illustrative to the scientific pursuit.

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The selected articles exhibit analyses of special interest in the following fields:

- the role of political leadership, internal factors, political rights and international community actions in reaching a diplomatic agreement
- the newspaper coverage of cultural heritage and cultural expression
- the rights of citizens to cultural and linguistic heritage and the redefinition of nation-states
- supporting students and teachers in their efforts towards education, information, teaching and learning
- exploring the “power-freedom relationship” by tackling the issue of individual freedom and its limits against state power
- comparing cross-generation perspectives on displaying an individual right to health by using digital and online tools for medical or health-related purposes
- presenting the perspectives for recognizing criminal liability within fiscal legislation
- comparing solutions for tracking and combating vulnerability by building resilience in marginalised regions
- analysing measures with impact over trade liberalisation and economic cooperation
- analysing passenger rights as settled in common European rules in the field of air transport
- analysing and measuring corporate reputation
- discussing the effects of monetary policy
- analysing the evolution of selected economic fields.

Analysing the role of political leadership in complex negotiations the article authored by Pajtim Thaçi, Jonuz Abdullai, *The Role of Political Leaders on the Prespa Agreement* observes the dynamics and uncertainties of transitions in specific political contexts highlighting the factors which led to the rise of crisis situations and the efforts that dissolved the disputes. The article employs a multifaceted approach to discuss the causes and effects of multi-sourced endeavours to reach a diplomatic agreement on a lasting dispute.

Employing a complex quantitative and qualitative media articles analyses, the article signed by Vesna Kalajžić, *Media presentation of dramatic arts from 1990 – 1995 - on the example of Narodni list in Zadar in the Republic of Croatia* traces the coverage of cultural heritage and cultural expression in relation to specific journalistic approaches. During the constraints and challenges raised by the Covid-19 pandemic as regards the rights and freedoms, the article signed by Costina Denisa Bărbuceanu, *Visual Teaching – Using Digitalised Material to Engage ESP Students* arrives timely and presents new, innovative opportunities and instruments to apply in the fields of education, teaching, conveying information. Facing the challenges raised by modern times are the foundation of the article signed by Vlad-Mihai Arjoca, *The relationship between linguistic pluralism and legal pluralism*, which puts forward the discussion on the issue of subsidiarity, language rights, equality, the protection of minorities and the right to identity. The article discusses several issues of multicultural societies triggered in the actual dynamic social and political arenas. A special manner of presenting social, political or economic challenges appears to be through cultural expression, abstraction and figurative representation. This is the topic of the article signed by Simber Atay, *Adrian Ghenie and Angelus Novus*, which explores the art and expressivity of the famous Romanian artist.

In this line of thought, freedom of expression and the perils of censorship in any type of society, regardless its degree of democracy is the focus of the article signed by Claudia Mădălina Burci, *Restricting the exercise of freedom of expression in a democratic society - communication or coercion?*. Modern approaches to communication bring forward different perspectives over the most suitable and eloquent sources for information. The article signed by Valentina Marinescu, *Digital Health and the Generation Gap in Romanian Context* subscribes to the present opportunities of using online tools in order to track information over different health-related aspects and the differences in perspectives shared by young or mature generations.

The exploration of legal rights and obligations under the penal law is the subject of the article signed by Tiberiu Horațiu Gorun, Cristi Spulbar, Ramona Birau, *General conditions for engaging the criminal liability of the legal persons based on penal laws and fiscal legislation: A case study for Romania*, an analysis of the legal conditions for engaging criminal liability of legal persons and an argument for sound and sustainable tax systems. Thus implementing a sustainable reform and investing in tracking and correcting system vulnerabilities appears as a prerequisite for dealing with inequalities mostly present in marginalised areas. The article signed by Andreea-Mihaela Niță, Mihaela Cristina Pârvu, *Vulnerability and resilience in marginalized rural communities. Case study: projects for reduction of risk exclusion in Dolj County* identifies the risks and vulnerabilities associated to marginalised rural areas and proposes means to build resilience and sustainable development. Defining a region's identity through economic means is discussed in the article signed by Agnieszka Kisztełńska-Węgrzyńska, *Economic tools for shaping order in Central Europe in Austria's foreign policy*, which synthesises the governmental measures and foreign policy towards economic cooperation and trade liberalization.

Following the stream of economic cooperation towards supranational community, the article signed by Cristina Stanciu, *On the legal regulation of the air transport contract for persons from Romanian law* reviews the legal provisions concerning passenger rights according to European regulations and the rulings of the Court of Justice of the European Union. The analysis and assessment of corporate reputation in the article signed by Dragoș Bălan, *Major Approaches to Measuring Corporate Reputation: An Extensive Literature Review*, evaluates the key categories of measurement instruments. The measurement of the effects of monetary instruments by central authorities in Central and Eastern Europe is the focus in the article signed by Monica-Ionelia Mărgărit, *A literature survey over the transmission of the monetary policy and its shocks*. The transmission of specific policies is of special interest as one can make future predictions as regards their evolution and effectiveness in time. The article signed by Andrzej Dubicki, *From a state-owned giant to a market enterprise? The evolution of selected enterprises in the aviation industry in Romania and Poland after 1989* contains a parallel over Romanian and Polish transformations in the air carrier industry using the common denominator of the post-communist transition as a starting point.

The methodology relies heavily on employing certain research instruments in order to reach key data and draw specific conclusions: mixing historic notes and political discourse analysis to literature review (Pajtim Thaçi, Jonuz Abdullai, *The Role of Political Leaders on the Prespa Agreement*), pinpointing media coverage of cultural issues within quantitative and qualitative content analyses (Vesna Kalajžić, *Media*

presentation of dramatic arts from 1990 – 1995 - on the example of Narodni list in Zadar in the Republic of Croatia), the application of digital tools in the field of information, learning and teaching (Costina Denisa Bărbuceanu, *Visual Teaching – Using Digitalised Material to Engage ESP Students*), employing legal analysis of constitutional texts, legal provisions, court decisions and treaty articles to argue for the complex picture deriving from the citizens' rights and responsibilities in relation to a multicultural context (Vlad-Mihai Arjoca, *The relationship between linguistic pluralism and legal pluralism*), using the descriptive method to explore different means of expression through historical and mass communication projections (Simber Atay, *Adrian Ghenie and Angelus Novus*), comparative review of the literature and legislative texts on fundamental rights and freedoms within democratic and non-democratic regimes (Claudia Mădălina Burci, *Restricting the exercise of freedom of expression in a democratic society - communication or coercion?*), conducting a cross-generations survey over health-related rights and information (Valentina Marinescu, *Digital Health and the Generation Gap in Romanian Context*), analysing the legal provisions in penal and fiscal legislation (Tiberiu Horațiu Gorun, Cristi Spulbar, Ramona Birau, *General conditions for engaging the criminal liability of the legal persons based on penal laws and fiscal legislation: A case study for Romania*), proposing and analysing solutions for building resilience and sustainable economic development (Andreea-Mihaela Niță, Mihaela Cristina Pârvu, *Vulnerability and resilience in marginalized rural communities. Case study: projects for reduction of risk exclusion in Dolj County*), employing a complex mix of historical institutionalism and statistical method (Agnieszka Kisztełińska-Węgrzyńska, *Economic tools for shaping order in Central Europe in Austria's foreign policy*), reviewing legal provisions on the rights in the field of air transport (Cristina Stanciu, *On the legal regulation of the air transport contract for persons from Romanian law*), reviewing the literature on innovative means to measure corporate reputation (Dragoș Bălan, *Major Approaches to Measuring Corporate Reputation: An Extensive Literature Review*), reviewing the literature on the effects of monetary policies (Monica-Ionelia Mărgărit, *A literature survey over the transmission of the monetary policy and its shocks*), conducting a historical depiction of the evolution of a specific economic field (Andrzej Dubicki, *From a state-owned giant to a market enterprise? The evolution of selected enterprises in the aviation industry in Romania and Poland after 1989*).

The current issue 67/2020 of the *Revista de Științe Politice. Revue des Sciences Politiques* thus invites its readers and contributors to evaluate, focus and develop a comprehensive set of extended analyses of the rights and freedoms applicable to various fields of activity for a futile understanding of current challenges and future evolutions.

Wishing you all the best,

The RSP Editors

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