

## THE 95<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF *RUCH*\*

This year marks the 95th anniversary of the founding of *Ruch Prawniczy, Ekonomiczny i Socjologiczny*. This anniversary creates an opportunity for reflection and an overview of the role that *Ruch Prawniczy, Ekonomiczny i Socjologiczny* has played in Polish academic life. This kind of resume of our editorial work is all the more appropriate as in its long history *Ruch* has always been a publication that has never shunned from tackling issues of particular significance and relevance for Poland. It ought to be emphasised that the history of *Ruch* is inseparably tied to the history of the Adam Mickiewicz Faculty of Law and Administration in Poznań. Its Editors in Chief have been such eminent professors as Antoni Peretiatkiewicz, Alfred Ohanowicz, Zbigniew Radwański, Zygmunt Ziemiński and Maciej Zieliński, and the current Editor in Chief is Teresa Rabska.

The 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our periodical has coincided with the publication of the 1/2016 issue of *Ruch* which contains articles concerning the current heated discussions on the Constitutional Tribunal and the protection of basic constitutional principles. It bears excellent witness to the editorial endeavours to make *Ruch* a periodical constantly 'on the move', responding to crucial problems that emerge in present-day Poland. The stance of the Editors in Chief have allowed for this periodical to maintain its independence and strong position among Polish academic publications. *Ruch* has always been a nationwide publication which has tackled on its pages problems momentous for the functioning of the state, its economy and the society.

In 2006, the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of *Ruch* also created a special opportunity to celebrate and sum up its achievements. At the celebratory meeting Professor Teresa Rabska, The Editor in Chief, offered an astute presentation of the work of *Ruch*, pointing out its unique character. She said that 'the phenomenon of *Ruch* manifests itself in its continuity and its principles that were established at its foundation. Its continuity can be considered in different ways: a temporal one—*Ruch* is the only judicial periodical with pre-war origins which has maintained its character and has looked back to its roots, and in a substantive aspect—the editors of *Ruch* have always strived to preserve its scientific character and nationwide reach as well as to be actively engaged in matters relevant to the scientific, social and economic issues of the Polish Republic. Its continuity can also be seen in its unique interdisciplinary

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character, in combining the three disciplines of law, economics and sociology, the best example of which are the monothematic issues.’

For the last 95 years *Ruch* has provided a platform for the exchange of ideas for representatives of different scientific fields. In its pages it has presented ideas formulated from different substantive perspectives but its most characteristic trait has been the publication of research concerning the changes in the economy, constitutional changes and the transformation of Polish society.

The most recent political events and arguments concerning the basis of the legitimacy of the judicial work of the Constitutional Tribunal allow us to assume that in the coming years too *Ruch* will be publishing articles tackling the most current problems in the fields of law, economics or sociology. We extend our invitation to researchers to continue further co-operation with us because only in this way will this publication have a chance to become a ‘real movement’ which responds to current changes in law, the economy and society.

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