

INTRODUCTION

Ten years have passed since the first issue of the journal "Studies in Public Law" was published at the end of the first quarter of 2013 to the publication of its 40th issue in the fourth quarter of 2022. In terms of time span, this is a modest anniversary for a scientific journal; in terms of the texts published on its pages, it constitutes a significant wealth of scientific knowledge conveyed to the readers in the field of public law understood in its broader sense as encompassing national, regional and international law. The authors' work usually took and still takes the form of a scientific article, which does not mean that they have exhausted this form. What are also significant from this point of view are the authors' scientific reflections published as commentary articles, polemical articles and articles on the jurisprudence of Polish courts and tribunals (including glosses), as well as in reviews of the results of other authors' research published in Polish and foreign publications (monographs) and in foreign scientific journals (articles), or reports of the state of science presented during international and national scientific conferences.

The research papers published here, in accordance with the internal layout of the journal, do not exhaust the scope of research in public law. Public law is a branch of law that is not only extremely extensive but also changing dynamically, which necessitates ongoing analysis and evaluation. Not surprisingly, the interest in public law institutions expressed by Polish authors publishing in this journal is not waning. They also represent a visibly growing circle of Polish universities and research institutes, which include:

University of Białystok, University of Gdańsk, Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Kraków University of Economics, European Institute of International Studies, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Jan Kochanowski University of

Kielce, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Kazimierz Wielki University, University of Łódź, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin, Poznań University of Medical Sciences, Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, University of Silesia in Katowice, Kazimierz Pułaski University of Radom, University of Szczecin, University of Warmia and Mazuria in Olsztyn, University of Warsaw, University of Wrocław, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, SGH Warsaw School of Economics, SGH Collegium of World Economy, University of Rzeszów, University of Zielona Góra, Warsaw University of Technology, Wrocław University of Technology, Institute of Law Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw, Centre for Human Rights of the Institute of Law Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Poznań, WSB Merito University in Poznań, SWPS University of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Information Technology and Management in Rzeszów, WSPiA University of Rzeszów, University of Law in Wrocław, European School of Law and Administration in Warsaw, University of Management and Banking in Poznań, and Poznań University of Social Sciences.

Public law is not confined within the boundaries of national law (in force in the past or currently). In the last 10 years, the authors publishing in “Studies in Public Law” have quite reasonably reached for solutions from European Union law or public international law, including conventions on human rights, on more than one occasion. Whether this analysis was undertaken by researchers from Polish or foreign universities and scientific institutes was of secondary importance for the research problem in question. However, this remark does not apply to studies whose authors compared solutions in force in different legal systems, as well as those that presented specific solutions adopted in a given country. The latter issues were addressed by authors from foreign universities:

University of Bologna (Italy), University of Graz (Austria), Taras Shevchenko University (Ukraine), Pontifical Catholic University of Lima (Peru), Rey Juan Carlos University of Madrid (Spain), Masaryk University (Brno, Czech Republic), Palacký University Olomouc (Czech Republic), Robert Schuman University (Strasbourg, France), Pontifical Catholic University of Sao Paulo (Brazil), World Trade Institute at the University of Bern (Switzerland), Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University (Georgia), Georgian-American University (Tbilisi, Georgia), University of Potsdam (Germany), and Justus Liebig University Giessen (Germany).

A wide range of scientific discussions have ensued in the last 10 years and not only conducted by representatives of academia with affiliations to Polish and foreign universities. “Studies in Public Law” was and is

also open to publishing the results of scientific research conducted by practitioners of law. These have included representatives of:

the Ministry of State Treasury, the Office of the Financial Ombudsman in Warsaw, the Office of the Ombudsman in Warsaw, the Office of Competition and Consumer Protection (Poznań Delegation), ERIF Office of Economic Information S.A., National Telecommunications Debt Information Bureau, Supreme Administrative Court, Voivodeship Administrative Court, Local Administrative Court in Frankfurt am Oder, District Court in Koszalin, Self-Government Appeal Court, General Police Headquarters of Poland, District Police Headquarters in Słupca, Rezed Holding GmbH in Tbilisi, Social Insurance Institution (Zakład Ubezpieczeń Społecznych) Branch in Olsztyn and law firms: advocate, legal adviser, notary, tax adviser.

This significant potential for scientific discussions (560 original texts in total), has been published in paper and online versions: in the AMUR database (2013–2016), on the PRESSto platform (from 2017), and also on the “Studies in Public Law” homepage. This was possible, on the one hand, due to the great commitment of the authors of the papers submitted (both in Polish and English), and, on the other, because of the efforts of the Scientific Staff in reviewing the articles. Thanks to the reviewers (Polish and foreign), only papers positively evaluated, were forwarded for publication, including those taking into account the reviewer’s remarks.

I offer special thanks for this work to the authors and reviewers.

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