

EDITORIAL

During the half year that has passed after the inaugural number of the Romanian Review of Social Sciences we have engaged into a continuous process of improving our internal editorial efforts and of creating more external awareness around the journal. In a natural spirit of evolution, the challenges pointed out in the beginning have multiplied on the way, providing both new learning opportunities as well as new inflexion points of meditation about future scenarios of editorial development.

On a practical note, we are proud that at the moment RRSS fully serves its function of knowledge dissemination, being indexed in recognized international databases like EBSCO Publishing, Index Copernicus, Ulrich's Periodicals Directory (part of a subsidiary of ProQuest - Serials Solutions), Cabell's Publishing (Economics & Finance and Management Directories), and included in New Jour Catalog (Georgetown Library).

The papers collected in this second issue are taking further the initial legacy of interdisciplinary approaches by reflecting a complex and multidimensional exploration of socio-economic and humanistic sciences, ranging from feminist studies to management, economic growth and public administration.

The first two papers tackle the economical sphere from opposite points of view. The study of B.Mehmood et al. regarding economic growth is a classical one in terms of sound quantitative econometric methodology, but with innovative interpretations and recommendations for the labor force policies in Pakistan. The other manuscript, authored by A.Ginghină, embraces a more essayistic appearance and strives to bring into light new humanizing perspectives on the economic science, emphasizing the need for broadening the standard economic model to a more proper structure fitting our real, empirically observed behavior.

Going more in depths into the public arena, we find the paper of T. Leikums, dealing with a problematic issue of bureaucracy even if being in a knowledge society: document management. His analysis follows the case of an Eastern European country – Latvia – surpassing the technical details and reaching explanations related to resistance to change and managerial capacities. Adding a significant juridical note, the next paper of E.Bălan and G.Varia, builds a different

approach aimed at describing how constitutional law can impact over the public institutions at the root level, rephrasing the framework which entails many essential structures of the state.

Switching towards disciplines perceived as softer but in reality with great potential of changing social representations, the article of D. Neaga is exponential in the area of feminist studies. She explores the internal dynamics of family relations, household care and sharing of responsibilities from the perspective of women from a Romanian historical province - Transylvania. In the same spirit, but with a more artistic touch, C. Carmen offers an excellent representation on the meaning of a specific Romanian dramatic text, deriving pertinent interferences about the national culture created under totalitarianism.

Not last, the dedicated section for book reviews enhances the whole assemblage with two well written pieces. The Austrian school of economics reiterates the debates around the current state of economics through the lens of a powerful heterodox school of thought, with powerful influences during time. D.Secară describes the work of the notable Jesus Huerto de Soto from a historical perspective but with the great attribute of being open to discussion regarding contemporary topics of interest.

Pertaining to a different group of disciplines, sociology-anthropology, the book presented by F.Bucur touches the intersections between education and social boundaries, offering a comprehensive comparative analysis between France, Romania, Brazil and Sweden. A remarkable aspect is the permanent focus of the review on the readership and the envisaged results of such a research at a societal level.

In closing, I would like to express again my appreciation for the work of the authors, reviewers and board members, as well as for the institutional support that makes possible the existence of the Romanian Review of Social Sciences.

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