

EDITOR'S NOTE¹**CHALLENGES OF GLOBAL TRADE AND EU POLICIES**

In April 2018, the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences of the University of Debrecen, in collaboration with the MTA-DE Public Service Research Group and the 'Pretor' students' research college of the faculty, organized a conference on recent challenges of jurisprudence and legal studies. The contributions for the international session focused on current legislative and regulatory issues in different areas of law and sector policy fields in Europe and beyond. The aim was to bring together LLM, PhD students and young colleagues from our faculty and other universities and to create a panel discussion around these questions from the point of view of their individual research fields. The present issue of the *Public Goods & Governance* academic journal is the follow-up of that conference session.

Topics discussed in the articles of the present volume are both from less researched areas and the 'hot potatoes' of the European integration process and current globalization trends. Though approaches and subject matters are different, each contribution highlights the regulatory needs and challenges triggered by various economic, political or societal factors and also shows that there is a change in the role of states and supranational integrations greatly influenced by the rearrangement of the global economic order and international trade and business relations.

The order of the articles in the present Issue follows a direction of narrowing the analysis perspective from a broader international context to (rather) internal European affairs. The first contribution (by *Daniel Haitas*) introduces China's Belt and Road Initiative which is a complex project to enhance economic cooperation in the Eurasian region and also an evidence of China's rise on the international stage and its decisive economic impact in Europe. It is followed by a comparative analysis (by *Rafael Lima Asche*) on remedy mechanisms in the US and Europe against human rights violations faced by corporations who wish to expand their business abroad through their subsidiaries. The third paper (by *Gauri Nirwal*) examines the impact of Brexit on International Commercial Arbitration in light of the EU treaty-making power in the field of foreign direct investment (FDI), the scope of the ECJ's jurisdiction and the Member States other commitments under international law. The foreign investment issue will be further analysed in the fourth article (by *Ninjin Bataa*) focusing on EU FDI policy after the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty and its real and possible conflicts with the Member States' Bilateral Investment Treaties. This is also followed by an EU sector policy analysis (by *Osman Bugra Beydogan*), i.e. on EU policy approach towards the enforcement of IP rights, in particular the combat against counterfeit products and piracy within and beyond the EU. The sixth article (by *Ekaterina Markova*) examines the EU Insolvency Regulation reform, focusing on problems in determination of jurisdiction under the COMI (the centre of the main interest) principle in insolvency proceedings.

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The seventh paper (by *Miftar Salihi*) closing this Issue analyses the challenges of EU Member States' compliance in the Single Market, exploring different approaches and possible ways to address the problem.

We hope that the present volume will be an impetus to stimulate further research in all these areas and encourage the authors and other young researchers to continue their academic carrier with similar contributions.