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The current issue of *Horizons of Politics* continues the previous issue, in which we go now more widely, not only discussing international trade, but also other forms of international cooperation from the economic perspective. These themes and problems are dealt both by economists (within the discipline of 'economics' and the sub-discipline 'international economics'), as well as political scientists, especially in the sub-discipline 'international relations'.

International economics (sometimes known in Central and Eastern Europe as 'international economic relations') is the scientific discipline of economics, which focuses on transactions between countries in the field of trade in goods and services, financial flows and the movement of factors of production (Budnikowski, 2001). The research area is therefore convergent with other economic disciplines, but the existence of borders of sovereign states and the barriers of different character than those to be encountered within countries, is the distinctiveness issues of international economics. Globalization and integration processes, technical progress as well as liberalization of trade, and the international division of labour, all of them occurring in the world economy, make it continually increases the attractiveness of this area of research. Internationalization is subject to the subsequent processes, transactions, and proven strategies in local markets. This results in the search for analogies, differences and optimal solutions for business in another dimension, scale, and the environment. With the increase in the intensity of international links, increasing the importance of external factors that must be considered.

This issue includes 11 articles on international economics (but with very different themes), including those dedicated to European economic integration. As guest editors we would like to express our special thanks to all those who contributed to this publication, most of all the Authors of individual articles, Reviewers, and in particular the Editor-in-Chief and the whole team of the Editorial Board of *Horizons of Politics* for accepting us among guest editors.

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