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Editorial: Beyond the Horizon

At the beginning of the academic year 2010-2011 we published the very first issue of our journal: "Horizons of Politics." It was our aim to provide a forum for discussions of various aspects of politics as a field of human activity and of political science, and as a field of thoughtful reflection upon politics. We do hope that our humble journal has helped to stimulate academic dialogue in Poland. The problems we have already discussed (e.g. the political nature of man; religion and politics, Europeanization) are of great importance not only for Poland and Polish citizens. Furthermore, the fast pace of the global changes to higher education systems prove that we should reach further and expand the outreach of our journal.

We cannot make our journal more open without using the English language. We might complain about this example of the "academic imperialism" of the English-speaking world but the reality is simple: one has to use English to be heard abroad. That is why the Editorial Board of "Horizons of

Politics” has decided to publish every year one issue in English, because we have to make our journal open to political scientists from other parts of the world, and at the same time we should make the voice of Polish academics more vocal.

The aim of “Horizons of Politics” still remains the same: we want to explore the nature of politics because we believe that only a well-informed politician, scholar, and citizen can make the right choices. Therefore, the actual goal of our journal is to reach beyond the horizon, to look for the questions that should be asked and to judge the answers that have already been given. And this is the topic of the first issue of the English edition of “Horizons of Politics”: a quest for a livable and better future.

The first two articles, *Exploring the Past* and *Anti-historicity of the American Mind*, deal with the role and place of history in politics and political science. The first of these papers uses the example of the 19th century volume of the “Political Science Quarterly” to show the continuity of the efforts of political scientists; while the latter focuses on the interpretative and symbolic uses of history by politicians in the United States.

The following three articles: *What Makes Ethnic Groups in the United States Politically Effective* by Konrad Oświecimski, *Taylor’s Conception of Social Imaginary* by Marcin Baran, and *Left-wing Authoritarianism in the Past and Contemporary Research in the Field of Political Psychology* by Aleksandra Pohl, focus on the social dimension of human activity. Konrad Oświecimski analyzes why ethnic groups can be so efficient in influencing the foreign and public policies of the United States. Marcin Baran evaluates the theory of Charles Taylor and the possibility of using Taylor’s social imaginary to provide a broader context for human political activities. Aleksandra Pohl explores how the research on the left-wing authoritarianism has stimulated the expansions of political psychology as a sub-field of political science.

The main part of this issue of the “Horizons of Politics” concludes with two more practical presentations. Krzysztof Wach explains the role of European Union regulations in facilitating the smoothness of business succession, especially of small and medium enterprises. Maria Nowina Konopka, while focusing on the interpretation of the book by Rafał Maciąg, tries to analyze the concept of Web 2.0 and its importance for contemporary political life.

As always, we have an article by Jan Maria Rokita, revealing the practices of modern politics. This time the main issue discussed is Donald Tusk's government; a detailed analysis reveals the peculiarity of the model of government created by Prime Minister Tusk. Some reviews of recent publications in the field of political science close this issue of the "Horizons of Politics."

We hope that everybody can find something interesting and stimulating, something which is worth further exploration. We hope also that this issue will serve as a kind invitation for new submissions of texts, especially because on 17 December 2013 the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education published a new ranking of academic journals. We are proud to say that a publication in "Horizons of Politics" is now worth five points, according to Ministry regulations.

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