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## Editorial: Good governance, good law

The dynamics and scale of transformations in contemporary societies necessitate the continual evolution of regulatory instruments. In this process, the social sciences play a pivotal role, providing not only in-depth theoretical reflection but also concrete guidance for practice. Given that mechanisms of continuous learning should be firmly embedded in decision-making processes at all levels of public institutions, science is repeatedly confronted with the need to address emerging research problems. At the same time, the present situation provides an impetus to revisit and reinterpret classical issues in social thought, including a renewed examination of enduring questions concerning the nature of good governance and good law.

The articles collected in this volume of *Horizons of Politics* address a range of thematic areas; nevertheless, they are united by a common concern: the search for appropriate responses by public authorities to multidimensional processes of change: constitutional, legal, political, economic, and socio-cultural; internal as well as external; and unfolding at global, international, national, and local levels. A shared conclusion emerging from these studies is the conviction that, in an era marked by crises and uncertainty, a return to the values underpinning key social institutions is essential. The contributions collectively emphasize the need to ground public action in such principles as security, the public interest, the common good, the rule of law, accountability, transparency, solidarity, freedom, trust, and cooperation.

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