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Urbanity and Systemic Changes after Communism in Eastern Europe

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Issue 62 / 2019 of the *Revista de Științe Politice. Revue des Sciences Politiques* (RSP) launched in June 2019 expands the research of communist and post-communist periods re-focusing on urbanity and systemic changes in Eastern Europe. The current issue is aimed at providing a forum of debates in the field of education, law, administration, transport, digital area and technology, namely:

1. The study entitled *Diplomacy and Motivation in the Political Discourse* (authors: Anca Păunescu, Ileana Mihaela Chirițescu) points at the following issues: the structure of the political discourse, the personal motivation and the

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- political careers, the role of diplomacy in the political discourse, the linkage between communication and politics, the sources and resources of motivation within political discourse, the phases of the gestural plane and the paths to political leadership etc.;
2. The study entitled *Transport exclusion as a heritage of the post-communist period. The example of Poland* (author: Andrzej Dubicki) focuses on the systemic transformation after 1989: the state's transport policy and the challenges of the post-communist reforms, namely the challenges in the field of the communication models, the administrative and education sectors. An inner phase of the research argues on the problem of the financing and the programs of combating the transport exclusion;
 3. The study entitled *The Tale of Two Cities: Engendering Urbanity in Romania after Communism* (authors: Elena Banciu, Iulia Anghel) maps the nexus point between the “engendering phenomena” after the fall of communist in Bucharest and “the mechanisms for spatial production of gender discrimination”. Furthermore, the research follows the linkage between the following areas of research: 1) gender and the city; 2) the urban universe of Bucharest; 3) the feminine perspective of space in Bucharest;
 4. The study entitled *Athena Rising? Mentoring in Higher Education* (author: Costina Denisa Bărbuceanu) argues on the role of mentoring in higher education focusing on the role of the work environment and, also, on the paths to career development;
 5. The study entitled *Fitness Clubs Revolution and Social Interaction* (author: Irina Onea) presents the linkages between the social life, the social interactions and the importance of the physical activity, here including the debate pointing on the recreational centers and the fitness market in Bucharest;
 6. The study entitled *Political Communication between Tradition and Actuality* (Lavinia Lăpădat, Maria-Magdalena Lăpădat) points out four main aspects of the research in the field: the political communication, the role of non-verbal symbols, the role of the media, the importance of norms and the polarization of classes;
 7. The study entitled *King Carol II's Political View – from the “Governing over the Political Parties” formula to the Authoritarian Regime* (author: Mihaela Ilie) analyzes the political visions and the role of the formula of governing in a peculiar period of time;
 8. The study entitled *Digital Natives Romanians Can Hardly Imagine Life without Internet* (author: Anda Anca Rodideal) researches the phenomenon of the internet consumption in Romania. The paper also addresses the perspectives of the excessive technology use focusing on quantitative and qualitative methods;
 9. The study entitled *The Regulatory Framework of International Arbitration* (authors: Sevastian Cercel, Ștefan Scurtu) analyzes the regulation of international arbitration in Romanian law and, also, in international conventions pointing the importance of the legal documentation in the field;
 10. The study entitled *Consequences of Lacking Loyalty towards Constitution in the Rule of Law* (author: Maria-Nicoleta Morar) debates on “the lack of loyalty in terms of the state's fundamental law” by analyzing the consequences in the field of the respect of the fundamental rights and freedoms;

11. The study entitled *Education, Social and Media Communication* (author: Andreea Mihaela Stoian) debates on the role of education and the systemic changes determined by the evolution of technology. The author also points out the importance of the web platforms, the online communication and social media;
12. The study entitled *Representing Public Health in Romanian Communist Media (1945-1989)* (author: Valentina Marinescu) focuses on the media coverage of public health in the communist period (1945-1989). Furthermore, the major phases of the research are: the analysis of the key elements of the public health in the period; the economic crisis in Romania at the beginning of the 1980s and the consequences of the program of scientific nutrition for population; the anti-abortion legislation; other health issues during the communist period;
13. The study entitled *EFL in the Post-Communist Era: Background, Methods and Values* (author: Diana Marcu) offers a complex research of English as a Foreign Language (EFL) in the post-communist era pointing out the role of English in international communication and the challenges of the Romanian education system after the fall of communism.

Finally, the RSP Editors wish to welcome in issue 62/2019 new areas of the research enabling a cross-sectorial framework of the post-communist reforms extending the focus on the social structures and systemic changes.

Wishing you all the best,

The Editors