



## EDITORS' NOTE

### **Toward Political Systems' Resilience and Performance: Evidence from Social Construction**

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Issue 70/ April 2021 of the *Revista de Științe Politice. Revue des Sciences Politiques* presents the contributions in the field of political systems' resilience and performance, addressing in-depth theoretical and empirical evidence from social construction in a pandemic context.

The current issue presents sixteen research papers documenting theoretical approaches, showing content or statistical analyses, undergoing either a quantitative or

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qualitative or simply combining both the quantitative and qualitative dimensions, thus giving prominence to the intensity of social sciences research during the COVID-19 pandemic. Accordingly, the research options habilitate a breakthrough within analytical studies and advance an improvement in theoretical recognition.

Subsequently a synopsis of the articles' themes displays the research interest as published in the current issue:

- Public communication performance on social networks;
- System performance through “Internet of Things” intelligent “power management”;
- Performance of employment relations achievable through sound labour legislation;
- Performance of Romanian post-communist transition towards democracy;
- The use of propaganda tools within political discourses;
- Increasing the performance of the rural development process;
- The performance of online communication through social media during electoral campaigns;
- The accents of environmental protection and the need for policy performance;
- “Energy performance certification” betwixt “environmental protection and sustainable development”;
- The “financial performance of the banking sector”;
- The role of comprehensive legislation in increasing transport sector performance;
- Determining the impact of factors involved in the electoral performance of political parties during European elections;
- Calculating the financial performance during episodes of market volatility;
- Internalising the means to increase teaching performance;
- Examining the political performance of public institutions during “*legal conflicts of a constitutional nature*”;
- Inquiring on performance indicators for grasping the public's perceptions on the current economic system.

Thus, the research proposed by Valentina MARINESCU, Ines RAZEC, Teodor DUMITRACHE, “*Online Communication of Public Institutions Before the COVID-19 Pandemic*” follows a seminal analytical dimension for monitoring the national police authorities social media communication strategies. Law enforcement state institutions professional public communication activities' performance was thoroughly analysed on social networks.

The next article signed by Mohammad EHSANIFAR, Fatemeh DEKAMINI, Milad BAJELAN, Cristi SPULBAR, Ramona BIRAU, Sina SHALIBEIK, Toni CĂLUGĂRU, “*Identifying Internet of Things (IoT) solutions in the complex process of industrial machinery maintenance*” regards the innovative ways to reduce power use and increase their performance through intelligent methods of power management. The approach is intensely specialised in electronic systems monitoring by applying Internet of Things (IoT) as an “optimization tool”.

In the line of improving work organization and performance, the following article (Adrian NICOLESCU, “*Implications of modifying individual employment contracts in the light of current Romanian legal provisions*”) occasions the research of the interdependencies between labor legislation and employment relations. The research

questions the current legal institutions involved in ensuring the performance of work relations and substantiate their effects into practice.

The following article (Cristina-Eugenia BURTEA-CIOROIANU, *A Look at Communism and Democracy in Octavian Paler's "Question Time"*) describes some views on the performance of Romanian post-communist transition towards democracy. The approach on content analysis exposes the ideological themes and discursive practices streamed during the dawns of democracy in the first years after the revolution.

The importance of ideology in drawing an event imagology is highlighted in the article authored by Andrei Cosmin POPA, *"A case of historiographical contradiction: Communist Romania's 1975 anniversary of Michael the Brave's Unification"*. The research scrupulously locates the propaganda means within the political discourses on the unification celebration.

The performance of the development process is the theme of the article signed by Mihaela LUPĂNCESCU, *"Sustainability of Rural Development in Romania: Priorities, Trends, Objectives"*. The research brings forth a discussion on the efforts, rationality and challenges of balancing sustainability objectives institutionally-developed and national or field realities.

Passing towards "virtual spaces" the article authored by Mihaela BĂRBIERU, entitled *"Election campaign and political communication through social media"* reassures on the contribution disposed by social media and the Internet in the process of political communication during electoral campaigns. The paper exhibits the circumstances and conveniences of online communication in the politician-voter relation.

Resuming the discussion on development and policy performance, the article signed by Mihai Ionuț RĂDOI, Mihaela LUPĂNCESCU, *"Environmental Protection - a New Dimension of Economic Growth and Development in the European Union"* deconstructs the "environmental protection" policy goals considering a discussion over the linkages among globalization and economic growth on the one hand and ecology/environment protection and sustainable development on the other.

Further on the line drawn over the rationality of "environmental protection and sustainable development", this time for "energy performance certification", the article signed by Adrian Barbu ILIE, *"Legislation and public policies regarding energy performance certification"* describes the approaches and summons in adopting sound public policies through a reliable legislative framework. The article pleads for adjusting the public policies' framework in order to improve authorities' performance and raise the awareness of beneficiaries in meeting energy performance standards.

Economic performance comes in different shapes and sizes. Assessing the performance of specific financial indicators, the article authored by Klejda GABESHI, *The Role and Financial Performance of Banks in the Western Balkans* establishes the analytical background of the economic relations and "financial performance of the banking sector" in the region. The approach combines the "qualitative and quantitative analysis" to ascertain the factors and their action over banking performance.

The transport sector performance is highly dependent on the regulation quality of the sector's activities. The article authored by Cristina STANCIU, *"The Legal Regime of Baggage in Romanian Legislation"* clarifies the rights and liabilities of agents and, while identifying the loopholes in legislation, argues for improving the regulation of luggage, targeting the elimination of specific legal issues.

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The article authored by Mihaela IVĂNESCU, "*An Electoral Outlier or Second Order Business as Usual? A Decade of European Elections in Romania (2009-2019)*" fuels the research on European elections by discussing the "Romanian case". The paper comprehends the factors involved in the electoral performance of political parties and in electoral turnout.

The article co-authored by Jatin TRIVEDI, Mohd AFJAL, Cristi SPULBAR, Ramona BIRAU, Krishna Murthy INUMULA, Subhendu PRADHAN, "*Modeling emerging stock market volatility using asymmetric GARCH family models: An empirical case study for BSE Ltd. (formerly known as Bombay Stock Exchange) of India*" fasten circumstantial comprehension on the financial performance issues governed by market volatility indicators. The approach considers an intuitive understanding backed by empirical results of stock exchange indicators' evolution.

The paper entitled Costina Denisa BĂRBUCEANU, "*Prezi -The Challenge of Teaching the Hyperlinked Minds*" resumes the research over teaching performance for "digital natives" by approaching the sustainability of modern technological education and teaching resources. Thus, fitting information resources to innovative technologies transforms the teaching experience.

The following article (Elena Cristina MURGU, "*Politics - the real source of legal conflicts of a constitutional nature*") probes the role of the "political context" in triggering "*legal conflicts of a constitutional nature*". The article examines the political performance of public authorities as well as highlights the parameters of "*legal conflicts of a constitutional nature*".

Further, the article signed by Xhemail ÇUPI, Jonuz ABDULLAI, "*Dominant system in the Republic of North Macedonia: Socialism or capitalism?*" stimulates the discussion over the ideological understandings of the past and current social order. The sociological approach aims at clearing the political and ideological background by targeting political and economic performance indicators for interpreting the public perceptions of the current economic system.

The current issue 70/2021 of the *Revista de Științe Politice. Revue des Sciences Politiques* invites its readers to grasp the research contributions on definite issues engaged during the COVID-19 pandemic context which can define the future of the (post)pandemic world: the intensive use of Internet in all aspects of personal and professional life, ranging from public mass communication, industry, teaching; the need for better regulations and regulatory processes; financial performance in specific contexts; measuring citizens' perceptions of determined connected aspects.

Wishing you all the best,

***The RSP Editors***