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FOREWORD

Dear readers,

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the 44rd volume of the Annual of the Institute for the Sociological, Political, and Juridical Research in the 55th year of existence of the Institute. It has been a long and arduous journey both for the Institute and for the Annual in this half a century in which we have faced great many obstacles that we managed to successfully overcome. In the past few years the Institute has been able to employ a new cohort of young scientist who greatly strengthen our work in the many fields that the Institute is engaged with and in the near future we expect their work to be present in this very publication.

In this particularly challenging pandemic year the Institute has been able to withstand the great difficulties and yet to continue the regular activities. This issue of the Annual reflects this long history as a leading national research institution for public opinion surveys covering the wide array of interest and important social topics. Few papers emphasize on risk management and security issues, both global and local, as well as individual. One paper tackles the identitarian challenges of Macedonianennes, as another one deals with the possibility for a fairer and probably more democratic electoral model appropriate for the Macedonian society. The eight selected works offer interesting perspective on these important topics and we do hope that you will find them inviting and deserving your academic attention.

Since we launched the Annual as international interdisciplinary journal we insisted that the texts should be on English language, but this year we decided to allow papers to be published in Macedonian language as well. Another, far more important shift in the editorial policy of the Annual is that from the next issue we will start with special issues on particular topics, allowing for more profound engagement with some pressing academic and social problems. With this we hope to attract wider audiences of more specialised interest and to provide a platform for more exhausting view of certain themes.

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