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Patterns of Change and Development in Comparative Policy Analysis

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29 years after the fall of Communism through Central and Eastern Europe the research community's endeavors to analyse the post-Communist transitions towards democratic regimes have found themselves stimulated by the state of affairs of present democratic societies.

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The challenges faced by some regimes throughout the EU and in third countries throughout the world in different stages towards an institutionalized democracy draw the attention of academia to judge various situations and tender plausible solutions.

It is the working task of the *Revista de Științe Politice. Revue des Sciences Politiques (RSP)*, on its anniversary Issue 60/2018 to bring forward up-to-date, high quality and original researches exposing different positions, methodologies and perspectives in the patterns of change and development in comparative policy analyses:

- a) policies regarding the international migration phenomenon,
- b) newcomer parties' policies,
- c) labour policies on gender mainstreaming,
- d) public health policies and human development,
- e) education policies.

The authors have sized their researches to capture the state-of-the-art solutions in analytical studies on the following dimensions:

- statistical data analyses
- use of relative and absolute indicators for validation of hypotheses
- in-depth case studies
- comparative analyses
- content analysis

As such, the goals assumed in Issue 60/2018 of *Revista de Științe Politice. Revue des Sciences Politiques (RSP)* is to advance the up-to-the-minute researches and test for the validation of working hypotheses on the following features:

- (1) Detailed statistical analysis and discussions the challenges raised by the international migration phenomenon on the work-life balance, social change and family life and working behavior in European societies (Alexandra Porumbescu, Livia Pogan, *Social Change, Migration and Work-Life Balance*)
- (2) Estimating and testing research hypotheses on the newcomer parties political and electoral management performance and party institutionalisation within democratic transitions (Olga Brunnerova, *Institutionalisation of Newcomer Parties in Theory and Practice: the Case Study of ANO 2011*)
- (3) Discussions on women's rights, gender transformations, participation, use of stereotypes, gender mainstreaming and power distribution across several professional areas of the workfield such as military service and culture during post-Communist transition (Aleksandra Zamojska, Agata Stępień, *Through Communism to Modernity – Working Polish Women, Gender Mainstreaming Military and Culture Sector – Bipolarity and Women's Stereotypes of Labour Power*)
- (4) Quantitative and qualitative content analysis of the European Commission health programs working documents envisaging the future of public health policies and cohesion policies (Anca Parmena Olimid, Daniel Alin Olimid, *Trends in Monitoring*)

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- Health and Human Development: Key Assessment Terms in the European Commission Staff Working Documents (May 2012 - May 2016)*
- (5) Comparative statistical analysis on the use of performance indicators in drafting education policies, with a special attention to testing and assessment schemes bringing forward futile solutions for the increase in the quality and efficiency of national education systems (Gabriela Motoi, *Using Performance Indicators to Design the Outlook on Quality and Efficiency of Education Systems. A Comparative Analysis (Romania-France) of Students' Results at International Assessments*).

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Wishing you all the best,

The Editors