

Editorial Note

The Editorial Board of the Romanian Journal of Society and Politics is happy to announce the launch of a new journal issue, namely Volume 11, Number 1. The current issue contains four regular articles, two book reviews and an interview, ranging across various fields of study, from political theory to educational policies and citizenship studies.

The first article of the issue, titled *The Combinatorial Use of Statism and Cosmopolitanism in Theories of Global Justice*, written by Frank Abumere, addresses one of the most important issues in contemporary analytical political theory, namely that of global justice. The author argues in favour of a mixed approach to global justice, which gives greater weight to the statist framework over the cosmopolitan one when engaging in institutional analysis and to the cosmopolitan framework over the statist one when engaging in interactional moral analysis, thereby reconciling the two traditionally opposite views into a unitary framework.

The second article, *Justice in Education: Evaluating the Satz-Anderson Response*, written by Valentin Stoian, offers two objections against the case made by Elizabeth Anderson and Debra Satz in favour of sufficientarian educational policies. The author claims that the arguments provided by educational sufficientarians are unsatisfactory, since the idea of an adequate minimum in education is underspecified and is unable to defeat the „argument from positionality” offered by Harry Brighouse and Adam Swift. Furthermore, the author maintains that educational equality is more appropriate than educational adequacy since it requires less social engineering.

In the third article, *Prescription Regarding Hirsch's Index: A Distribution Analysis in Medicine Schools in Romania*, which belongs to Viorel Proteasa, the author assesses two alternative measures for evaluating the impact of researchers' publications in the academia, i.e. averages and second order h-type indexes. The analysis is conducted in the context of competing proposals for changes in the methodology of higher education funding policies and specifically targets universities which specialize in medicine and pharmacy in Romania as a case study.

The final regular article of the issue, *What Does it Mean to be a Female Citizen in Poland? A Quantitative Study on the Civil Activity of Women in the Province of Silesia*, submitted by Justyna Tomczyk uses a CATI technique to analyse the civic engagement of Polish women within the province of Silesia and the extent to which they are characterized by the notion of active citizenship, via a number of indicators, such as political participation, interest in government, volunteering etc.

Aside from the above mentioned articles, the issue also contains two book reviews. The first one appraises Jordan Branch's *The Cartographic State. Maps, Territory and the Origins of Sovereignty*, and belongs to Andrei Miroiu. Miroiu identifies „the creation of the modern territorial state and the transition from the medieval sovereignty of the personal bonds towards the modern sovereignty over a defined, measured, carefully surveyed, mapped and bordered land” as the core topic of the book. The second review concerns David Engster's *Justice, Care, and the Welfare State*, and is authored by Tom Parr, who maintains that the book „makes a valuable contribution, and [Engster's] empirically-informed exploration of welfare policy helpfully takes

us beyond methodological disputes”. The present issue closes with an interview of Simon Hix, who is currently the Harold Laski Professor of Political Science at LSE, conducted by Claudiu Crăciun in October 2015. Amongst other issues discussed in the interview, Prof. Hix warns that the Brexit „Leave” campaign has a significant chance to succeed, claiming that „the assumption of the capital that Britain would vote to stay is a very dangerous assumption. I think that the leave campaign has the momentum, they have the resources, they have the finances, they have the best arguments, [...] and they have a more optimistic view of the future”. While at the time it was a very risky prediction, it has ultimately been confirmed as this latest RJSP issue is coming out of the printing press.

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