

Editorial Statement

This renewed series of *The Romanian Journal of Society and Politics* is the product of an intellectual partnership. RJSP was set up by Civic Education Project Romania in 2000 and it was published bi-annually until 2007, when its publication was suspended, given deficiencies in the functioning of the Romanian Society of Political Science, in charge with its publication.

A team of enthusiastic academics at SNSPA resumed the work on the project in 2010, giving it a broader spectrum of publication than the initial RJSP. The RJSP has become the Journal of the Faculty of Political Science within SNSPA.

The Spring Issue 2011 opens with a research article in the area of political communication: *Truth or dare: Online Deliberation. A Case Study of Two Internet Based Deliberative Platforms*, by Luana Maria Bidașca. The article argues how the internet can increase efficiency in public communication and render the public political sphere more democratic. In the same area, this Issue presents a research based article concerning the capacity of new media instruments to enhance civic participation: *Analyzing the Potential of YouTube to Facilitate Grass-root Public Communication: A Three Step Approach*. The author, Bogdan Geroge Bătrân, is testing a proposed model on the capacity of Youtube, as an open public platform of audio-video political content, to improve the dialogue between governments and citizens.

The third article is analyzing comparatively self-esteem levels in a political involvement framework. The authors of *Self-Esteem and Personality Type in Politically Engaged People: A Pilot Study*, Irina Macsinga and Andreea Semenescu, introduce some classical instruments to evaluate personality types of political involvement.

We are closing the Issue with a solid study, well documented and balanced, dedicated to the influence of neoconservative political ideology on U.S. foreign and defense federal policy during the G.W. Bush's first administration: *The Key Aspects of Neoconservative Influence on the U.S. Foreign and Defense Policy during the first G.W. Bush Administration*, by Petar Kurečić.

The second part of the present Issue includes four reviews of recent books that bring important findings in their academic areas: Vasile Pușcaș, *Managing Global Interdependencies*; Liviu Mihăileanu and Aurelian Horja, *The Regulation of the Lobbying Activity. In the Antechamber of Influence*”, Peter Herriot, *Religious Fundamentalism: Global, Local, and Personal*; Martha Crenshaw, *The Consequences of Counterterrorism*.

The editors are committed to ever increasing the quality of RJSP and they would like to encourage excellence in the article published. RJSP is now an International Data Bases indexed journal and we are engaged in further enhancing its international profile.

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