



## Preface

As Ukraine's leading university, the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy continues to fulfill its mission of providing the high-quality academic and research environment demanded nowadays in Ukraine. *Kyiv-Mohyla Law and Politics Journal* (KMLPJ) makes an invaluable contribution to the university's most ambitious goals: providing an opportunity for qualified legal and political science scholars to share their findings with a wide range of interested readers both in Ukraine and far beyond Ukrainian borders. KMLPJ's strict selective approach includes an obligatory double blind peer-review policy for all materials, ensuring that only the most qualified publications are included. The current sixth issue of KMLPJ fully keeps to its established standards and provides our readers with a selection of quality academic papers, with contribution from authors in Ukraine, Poland, Italy, the Netherlands, the Czech Republic, Singapore, Estonia, and the United States.

The volume includes a set of articles, reflections, and book reviews by Ukrainian and international researchers. It opens with "Responding to Hybridity in an Unstable Neighborhood: the Efficiency of the EU State-centric Approach to the Crisis in Libya and Ukraine," by Luca Raineri, Kateryna Ivashchenko-Stadnik, and Roman Petrov, which investigates the role that the European Union plays in dealing with hybridity in its relations with its two neighbors—Libya and Ukraine. The article provides a detailed analysis of the measures the EU undertakes in order to deal with addressing conflict and peacebuilding in the abovementioned countries. The topic of hybridity is followed by "Legal Complexities in the Service of Hybrid Warfare," authored by René Värk, which addresses the issue of "hybrid warfare" as military and non-military measures used in non-linear and complimentary fashion. The author focuses its research on the usage of law and legal means within "hybrid warfare" phenomenon and provides recommendations for the possible conduct of states under such conditions. The third article, "EU Enlargement, Conditionality, and the Protection of Christian Minorities in Turkey," by Isaac Andakian continues the topic of EU neighborhood by addressing the issues of Turkey's approaches on its way to joining the European Union, focusing primarily on the status of Christian minorities in this country. The EU's impact on non-member states is further addressed by the fourth article, "Ukraine's National Policy on Aquaculture: Reality or Myth?" by Oleksiy Kononov who focuses on the issue of Ukrainian policy regarding aquaculture in relation to the Association Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine.

The fifth article, "Participatory Governance in Ukraine: A Case Study of Anti-corruption Policy in the Period 2014–2018," by Denitsa Marchevska makes an attempt to answer the question whether Ukrainian civil society's capacity for protest mobilization after the Euromaidan revolution has successfully been channeled into sustained, formalized and productive forms of civic participation in the process of public policy making in Ukraine. The research focuses primarily on anti-corruption activities and

the role of civil society organizations in the policymaking process in Ukraine. This article is followed by “Characteristics of Advocacy under Different Freedom Regimes: Belarus, Ukraine, and Lithuania,” by Svitlana Batsyukova, where the author presents the results of her research focused on the correlation of advocacy regimes in three neighboring states Ukraine, Belarus and Lithuania with levels of political and civil freedom they exercise. The article covers the results of interviews conducted by the author in 2015–2017. The ideas of civil society engagement are also partly touched upon in “Cosmopolitanism and Nationalism: A Critique of the Effectiveness of the International Refugee Regime,” by Ivan Ng Yan Chao who provides an in-depth analysis of the international refugee regime and the role of the dedicated actors of this process, primarily states.

The eighth publication, “The Correlation of Constitutional and International Law: The Ukrainian Case,” is a reflection of the long and rich experience in legal theory, legal philosophy, international and constitutional law of professor Mykola Koziubra, who provides his approaches regarding the status of constitutional and international law from the point of view of a leading Ukrainian legal scholar. This publication follows by “Review Article: Polish Administrative Court’s Dissenting Opinions in Excise Duty Cases,” authored by Patryk Kowalski, who shares the overview of the selection of Polish administrative courts’ judgments in excise duty cases. His research focuses specifically on dissenting opinions rendered by Polish judges in the abovementioned cases from 2004 to 2018.

The issue concludes with a review essay, “The EU and the Reform of the Investment Protection Regime,” by Ondřej Svoboda who provides a carefully selected review on three recent academic books focusing on the reform of the investment protection regime in the European Union.

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