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## Editorial

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Tekst jest udostępniony do wykorzystania w ramach dozwolonego użytku.

## EDITORIAL

Welcome already to the seventh issue of the *Silesian Journal of Legal Studies* (SJLS). In this volume we continue our legal discourse over geographical and legal borders. We present texts submitted by authors from Switzerland, the Czech Republic and – as usual – from Portugal.

The texts of the Portuguese professors, José João Abrantes and Paulo Ferreira da Cunha, are dedicated to issues balancing labour law and constitutional law and history. José João Abrantes from Universidade Nova de Lisboa has written an article referring to the contemporary and sensitive problem of the economic crisis in Europe that has resulted in great changes in Portuguese legislative policy, providing “*flexibility*” in labour law. Paulo Ferreira da Cunha from Porto University analyses the Portuguese road to democracy.

We also present an interesting text dedicated to consumer credit contracts after the re-codification of private law in the Czech legal order. Its author, Jakub Dohnal, representing the Faculty of Law of Palacký University in Olomouc, explores this issue, which seems to be very useful for anyone involved in the practical implementation of the idea of the free movement of goods, capital and persons across borders.

Finally, I would like to recommend a comprehensive study on Frontex’s responsibility for human rights violations. This profound essay has been drawn up by Izabella Majcher from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva Global Detention Project.

This issue also contains reports on selected conferences and seminars that were organised at our Faculty. Taking into account the main idea of our Journal – the legal discourse over borders – the report on the Programme in European Private Law for Postgraduates (PEPP) should draw the reader’s attention. In 2014/2015, PEPP is celebrating its fifth edition. The Programme is a scholarship programme for doctorate students and consists of four intense weeks of lectures and workshops, spread out over one year and held in various universities and institutes. Its fourth edition embraced the University of Münster (the coordinator), the Bucerius Law School in Hamburg, the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law (MPI) in Hamburg, the University of Silesia in Katowice, the University of Wrocław, the University of Cambridge, the University of Leuven, the University of Valencia, and the University of Genoa.

As in previous issues, in this issue of SJLS we continue to present a list of selected monographs published in 2014 by the researchers from our Faculty of Law and Administration, as well as a list of conferences organised or co-organised by the Faculty and our foundation *Facultas Iuridica*. It should be stressed that our legal discourse over borders is possible, as in previous years, thanks to *Facultas Iuridica*, which covers most of the publishing costs of the journal.

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The texts contained in SJLS No. 7 tackle various constitutional, international and civil issues. They may be useful not only for researchers but also for practitioners, students as well as for NGOs. We believe that we will also cater to this broad spectrum of readers in subsequent issues. Therefore, we invite you to read our journal and we warmly welcome researchers from Polish and foreign universities to submit their contributions (find us at: [www.sjls.us.edu.pl](http://www.sjls.us.edu.pl)).

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