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The texts included in the very volume, in view of the topics touched upon, are divided into four thematic groups: “A political thought”, “Political systems”, “Social communication”, “International affairs and European integration”.

The part “A political thought” contains four articles. In the first of them, *An ideal of a new country by Jean Jacques Rousseau and French Revolution*, Jacek Derek analyses one of the most important trains of Jean Jacques Rousseau’s political and philosophical thought, i.e. his deliberations on liberal freedom and ideal of a new country and revolution in a modern meaning of the word. A political thought of the author of *A social contract* is discussed in the context of selected philosophical aspects of French Revolution. Anna Stępień, in her article *An experiment of history — democracy in the United States of America from Alexis de Tocqueville perspective*, analyses a well-known conception of the French liberalist concerning the nature of an American democracy, including the issue of the relationship between freedom and equality presented from the angle of opinions and interpretations of different authors, mainly Polish ones. The author accentuates the up-to-dateness of many problems raised by A. de Tocqueville. A long text by Agnieszka Turoń *Man in Thomas Mann’s social reflection* is devoted to the conception of man in T. Mann’s works. Considerations undertaken in this article are essential to understand basic dilemmas of a contemporary political thought. The article by Sylwia Turzańska *Holocaust as a phenomenon of modernity. Around Zygmunt Baumann’s reflection* is related to Z. Baumann’s conception concerning the reasons and nature of holocaust. The point of view represented by Baumann constitutes an important voice in an argument the participants of which try to answer the question on the extent to which Extermination, remains, if at all, with modernity.

The part “Political systems” contains two articles. In the first of them, by Dorota Dolińska *Determinants of election preferences on the basis of the electorate of Platforma Obywatelska and Prawo i Sprawiedliwość between 2000 and 2005*, discusses determinants of election preferences of the electorate of Platforma Obywatelska and Prawo i Sprawiedliwość. In the first part of this work, theories and models explaining the mechanism of shape and durability of election preferences were thoroughly discussed. Jeremiasz Salamon, on the other hand, in his article *Political consequences of the choice of the method of mandate distribution on the basis of the election to the Sejm of the Republic of Poland from October 21th 2007* shows the influence of the methods of man-

date distribution on the election results. Also, the author analyses indirect consequences of the interdependence examined, such as the possibilities of creating government coalition, the course of the legislative process, and possible constitutional changes.

The part "Social communication" consists of two articles written by Siergiej Korkonosenko and Felicjan Bylok. The text by Siergiej Korkonosenko from Sankt-Petersburg *Political sciences of journalism: scope and perspectives of development* is important for a Polish reader in that it presents the state of research in this field in Russia, whereas the author repeatedly in a polemic way, refers to the establishments accepted in the world and Russia science, as well as makes an attempt to work out his own position. Felicjan Bylok in his text *A social advertisement as »a conscience« of a contemporary society* presents both definitions of basic notions and research problems connected with the social advertisement, functions of the social advertisement, and "childhood without violence" as an example of the social advertisement.

The part devoted to "International affairs and European integration" includes three texts. The first one, by Agnieszka Stolarczyk, *The contribution of Spain to shaping the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership of the European Union* discusses the issues concerning the attitude of Spain to the Common Foreign Policy and Safety of the European Union and European Policy of Safety and Defence, the place of the countries of the Mediterranean Sea basin in the CFPS of the EU, the nature of the policy of Spain towards the Mediterranean countries between 1975 and 1991, as well as Spain's contribution to preparation and realization of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership. Anna Orlikowska and Mariusz Jankowski, in their article *The Future of the European Union in the light of the establishments of the Brussel summit from June 21th and 22th 2007. The analysis of selected aspects of German presidency*, refers to such important integrative dilemmas of the European Union, as, among others, the nature of the eastern politics, energetic policy and constitutional crisis of the EU. The last of the articles in this section, i.e. *The conflict in Darfur. Sources, course and role of the international community* by Katarzyna Kopiasz, touches upon the issue that constitutes the subject-matter of the studies conducted in Poland relatively infrequently. The article is an important source of well-ordered information on the issue of one of the most serious conflicts of the previous years on a world scale. It presents the sources of the conflict, its course and role of the international community. Finally, eight reviews and descriptions are included.