

Editorial

On the occasion of the 15th anniversary of the Ivo Pilar Institute of Social Sciences the Croatian and foreign professional and cultural public are introduced to *the first* issue of the Institute's *Journal of social sciences and humanities* (in the Croatian language: 1/2006) and, at the same time, the second issue of the *international edition* you are holding in your hands (2/2006).

Having qualified and purposed the *journal for social sciences and humanities* we primarily wish to highlight the social and long-term relevance of these two groups of scientific interests today, when we are, both globally and daily, witnesses to an increasingly overwhelming feeling of disorientation in the standards of value — it seems as if society no longer manages itself and, instead, surrenders to the comfort of the solutions imposed by the logic of blind technological development. Moreover, there is less and less demand to question the problems of the world and we are increasingly surrendering to the comfort of the shallowness of consumerist society.

Regardless of the extent to which they are self-consistent and mutually different, the disciplines of an eminently *humanistic* and an eminently *social* character, nevertheless, share a common anthropological ground, the same *foundation*. Neither unquestionably yields to the rudiments of the “technological” as the “final word”, and neither consents to the realisation of the contents of the concept of equality exclusively as one and the same disorientation of individuals fiercely repressed by the corporate rule of consumerism.

We, accordingly, believe that we are in grave need of journal space for an interdisciplinary approach to “Pilaresque issues”, the issues of identity, modernisation and Europeanisation from the perspectives of the relevant scientific disciplines, i.e. from adequate theoretical bases for the issues of law, geopolitics, demography, linguistics, psychology, sociology, the questions of art (literature, painting, sculpture, architecture, music, etc.) and the problems of economy (particularly finance and banking), municipal policy, philosophy, history (political, military, diplomatic), the auxiliary sciences of history (diplomacy, heraldry, paleography, genealogy, sphragistics, etc.), but also the philosophy of history, religiology, culturology, ecology, archaeology, nutricionism, etc.

Bearing in mind the interdisciplinary nature and the universal character of scientific efforts, it has been decided that the *PILAR Journal* is to go *international* (editions in English, as well as the other relevant “world” languages, with special focus on the languages of Central Europe). Our *Board of Editors* has been formed suitably to the journal's international character.

The journal publishes texts in different categories: scientific (all categories: original scientific papers, preliminary communications, review articles), specialised (all categories: bibliographies and critically prepared papers), polemics, reviews (reports, criticisms), notices (on recently published books and journals, or on books and jour-

nals received by the editor's office), social chronicles (congresses, symposia, roundtables, book presentations, TV and radio shows, etc.).

Presenting the second *international issue* of the *Pilar Journal* to the foreign intellectual public to be read and critically assessed, its Board of Editors invites the contribution of all those who wish to better the welfare of humankind with their creative thoughts and ideas.

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