

Call for Papers Special Issue of Právny obzor

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Recently, in many countries, there has been a growing debate over the role of lawyers in society and whether the law and codes of ethics regulating lawyers can effectively address their failures, distrust in legal professions (e.g. judges) and distrust in institutions (e.g. courts). On one hand, we have seen judges being accused of abusing their power (“Threema” and “Tempest” case in Slovakia) and politicians struggling with a proper reaction. On the other hand, we have observed controversial judicial reforms endangering judicial independence (Poland, Hungary). Moreover, questions of the ideology behind the interpretation of the law and the proper performance of the public office by lawyers often arise (e.g. controversial behaviour in the office by Ombudsperson in the Czech Republic).

The current special issue will explore the way **law regulating lawyers**, including judges and prosecutors - especially Codes of Conduct as **NORMS - interact with the lived lives and experience of lawyers** (as **FACTS**) **and how this translates into (or is translated from) societal expectations**.

The issue is hence also open to papers on **crises of legal profession connected with ethical issues and on ethical dilemmas of lawyers** and appropriate means to deal with them in the specific society, based on specific legal and cultural heritage.

We welcome submissions focused on concrete problems based on the situation in the respective country but also more abstract and philosophical submissions on the dynamics between society, law, lawyers and ethical standards.

The special issue will be edited by Lucia Berdisová, PhD., LL.M. (Institute of State and Law, Slovak Academy of Sciences).

The deadline for submissions is **November 30th 2020**. Papers will receive two reviews. Authors will be informed about the outcome of the review process by **December 31st 2020**.

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The manuscript should be submitted as the Microsoft Word file (font size 12; font type Times New Roman; row spacing 1.5) via email to the email address usapelbe@savba.sk. **The manuscript length should be between 15 to 30 pages.**

The paper shall contain an abstract of maximum 200 words, keywords and the list of bibliography.

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May you have any questions please feel free to contact **Lucia Berdisová** via usapelbe@savba.sk.

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