

EDITORIAL NOTE

The Editors are pleased to present the new issue of *Harmonius – Journal of Legal and Social Studies in South East Europe*, continuing the journal's established mission of promoting the harmonisation of law in South East Europe with European Union law and the general principles of international and comparative law. As in previous editions, *Harmonius* serves as a platform for scholarly exchange among academics, early-career researchers, and legal practitioners, fostering dialogue on contemporary legal developments in the region and beyond. This issue was prepared with the valuable contribution of a Guest Editor-in-Chief, Associate Professor Marko Knežević (University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Law), whose scholarly expertise and editorial engagement significantly contributed to the quality and coherence of the present volume.

This 2025 issue brings together ten contributions addressing topical legal questions, several of which stem from the activities of the Harmonius School of Law, organised this year as a specialised panel within the Legal Pro Forum 2025, entitled “From Duels to Arbitration: How Legal Education Shapes the Culture of Dispute Resolution”. The Forum was held from 19 to 21 October 2025 at Hotel Tornik in Zlatibor, Republic of Serbia, while the XX Harmonius School of Law took place on 20 October 2025 as part of the official Forum programme.

The Harmonius panel was moderated by Dr Marija Vlajković (University of Belgrade, Faculty of Law) and brought together academics and practitioners from Serbia and the wider region. Contributions were presented by Prof. Dr Dejan Bodul (University of Rijeka Faculty of Law), Teaching Assistant Dr Valerija Dabetić (University of Belgrade Faculty of Law), Teaching Assistant Olivera Jokić (University of Novi Sad Faculty of Law), Teaching Assistants Stefan Jovanović, Kristina Jevtić, and Darko Stevanović (University of Belgrade Faculty of Law), as well as Maja Milojević Kolarević, a doctoral student at the University of Belgrade Faculty of Law. The discussion focused on the transformation of dispute-resolution culture through legal education, with particular attention paid to arbitration,

mediation, labour disputes, and fiscal conflicts in a legal environment increasingly shaped by technological change and growing demands for legal certainty.

In addition, this issue includes several original scientific articles addressing both doctrinal and practical dimensions of law. Dr Žarko Dimitrijević analyses decision-making models in enforcement and debt-collection proceedings through a comparative assessment of the AHP method and artificial intelligence. Lazar Jovevski, together with Sofia Volchevska, from the Faculty of Law “Justinianus Primus”, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, examines the pension system and its long-term sustainability within the Macedonian legal system, identifying key structural and normative challenges. Darko Stevanović, Teaching Assistant at the University of Belgrade Faculty of Law, addresses the legal fate of unregistered ownership rights in enforcement proceedings, with particular emphasis on procedural certainty and the protection of property rights. A joint contribution by Associate Professor Dejan Bodul, Associate Professor Sanja Grbić, and Martina Tičić, mag. iur., from the University of Rijeka Faculty of Law analyses the forthcoming amendments to the Peaceful Dispute Resolution Act and critically assesses the need for further professionalisation of mediation services. Junior Teaching Assistant Marko Došlić, from the University of Belgrade Faculty of Law, analyses judicial review of arbitral decisions on jurisdiction as a preliminary issue. Furthermore, a doctoral student at the University of Belgrade Faculty of Law, Anja Balšić, discusses the relationship between the freedom to work and non-competition clauses, questioning the compatibility of these legal institutes within contemporary labour-law frameworks.

This issue also includes a review article by Katarina Nešković, who provides a systematic overview of recent amendments to the Unfair Commercial Practices Directive, focusing on the European Union’s response to greenwashing and the strengthening of consumer protection. Labour-law issues are addressed in two further review contributions. In her review article, Jovana Punišić examines the contribution of labour inspection to the protection of occupational health and safety, with particular emphasis on labour-law mechanisms and their role in safeguarding workers’ rights. The issue concludes with a review contribution authored by Maja Kovačević Kolarević, which reflects on the role of tax-law education in the transformation of fiscal

dispute resolution in the Republic of Serbia. This contribution offers a practice-oriented perspective that complements the doctrinal analyses presented in the scientific articles.

The Editorial Board expresses its sincere gratitude to the organisers of the Legal Pro Forum 2025, to all participants in the *Harmonius* School of Law panel, and to the authors whose contributions have shaped this issue. Special thanks are extended to the reviewers for their careful and constructive evaluations, as well as to all collaborators who continue to support the development of *Harmonius* as a regional forum for legal scholarship.

The Editors hope that this issue will engage readers across South East Europe and beyond and contribute to further academic dialogue on legal education, dispute resolution, and legal certainty in an era of technological transformation.

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