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## Editor-in-Chief's Note

# ABOUT THE SPECIAL ISSUE AND COLLABORATING FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE: THE IMPORTANCE OF EASTERN EUROPE-MIDDLE EAST CONNECTIONS IN LAW AND JUSTICE

We are thrilled to present this special issue of our journal, featuring articles from esteemed scholars and reviewers from various regions, including Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Great Britain.

Collaboration between Eastern Europe and the Middle East is becoming increasingly important for scholars as it allows for sharing of a diverse range of perspectives and experiences. Despite the differences between legal systems and cultures, scholars from these regions can come together to discuss important issues and learn from each other's expertise. The collaboration often includes cooperative research projects, academic exchanges, and joint conferences. By working together, scholars from Eastern Europe and the Middle East can make significant contributions to the development of the law's rule and access to justice in the globalised world.

We are proud to collaborate with the Second GPDRL College of Law International Conference on Legal, Socio-Economic Issues, and Sustainability to present articles that tackle current and relevant topics in the field of law. This conference provides an opportunity for scholars and experts from various parts of the world to gather, discuss, and exchange ideas on relevant issues related to law and sustainability. This is an excellent platform for scholars to showcase their research and publications, as well as engage in meaningful discussions and debates with their peers.

As a Ukrainian journal, we are happy to cooperate with colleagues within and beyond this issue in preparation. Ukraine and Saudi Arabia have maintained diplomatic relations since 1992 and have cooperated in areas such as trade, energy, and culture. As Ukrainians, we deeply appreciate Saudi Arabia's position in support of Ukraine's territorial integrity and sovereignty during the ongoing war with the Russian Federation.

Our special issue covers a range of important topics, including business ethics in e-commerce, combating human trafficking in Saudi Arabia.

We also explore the impact of corruption on legal frameworks and global issues, including the role of the legal frameworks in attracting foreign investments, and legal mechanisms for the digital economy's stimulation in developing countries.

Overall, we are confident that this Special Issue will contribute to the ongoing discourse on legal, socio-economic, and sustainability issues and serve as a valuable resource for scholars, practitioners, and policymakers alike.

We extend our gratitude to our Guest Editors, Dr. Mohammed Albakjaji from Prince Sultan University and Dr. Maya Khater from Al Yamamah University in Saudi Arabia, for their invaluable contributions in curating this Special Issue. Their guidance and expertise have been invaluable to ensure the quality and relevance of the articles presented here.

Allow me to express our deep gratitude for the exceptional work that Alona Hrytsyk has created, a beautiful and inspiring representation of sustainability that unites the divine elements of Arabian and European art. Her ability to capture the essence of harmony and equality among all civilizations is truly remarkable, and I am honoured to have collaborated with her on the cover for our Special Issue. Alona's work inspires all of us to continue promoting sustainability and cultural harmony in our various initiatives, and we look forward to the opportunity to work with her again in the future. Thank you, Alona, for sharing your incredible talent with us!

As usual, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our amazing team for their incredible work on this project. First and foremost, I want to thank our Managing Editors, Dr. Yuliia Baklazhenko and Dr. Olha Dunaievska, for their outstanding leadership and expertise. I also want to thank our wonderful assistant, Mag. Polina Siedova, for her invaluable support and dedication to ensuring the success of our project. Our Language Editors, Dr. Sarah White, Lucy Baldwin, and Nicole Robinson, have been our keen eyes to ensure the accuracy and clarity of our content, and we are extremely grateful for their contributions.

I also want to extend a warm welcome to our three new editors who recently joined our team: Ms. Olha Samofal (Editor), Ms. Nicole Robinson and Ms. Yuliia Hartman (Editor of Social Media), who have already made significant contributions to this Special Issue. Lastly, I want to express our shared gratitude to our publisher, VD Dakor, and to Ms. Nataliia Shliapnikova for her endless assistance and support. Your hard work and dedication are instrumental in the success of our project and we truly appreciate all that you have done. Thank you all for your amazing work!

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