

From the Editors

The present, the third one in a series, volume of *Krakowskie studia z historii państwa i prawa* (*Cracow Studies on History of State and Law*) is of exceptional and celebratory nature. It is for the first time that Cracow legal historians and historians of political and legal doctrines present together the results of their research in our volume. What inspired the joint effort of the two groups was their wish to dedicate this volume to Professor Henryk Olszewski. By doing so, they tried to express their respect to him and gratitude for his everlasting contribution to the Polish world of learning in the area of both legal history and the history of the doctrines.

The third volume of *Krakowskie studia z historii państwa i prawa* dedicated to Professor Henryk Olszewski is the implementation of the project at one time designed by the Cracow historians of the doctrines and those concerned with legal history, the project being launched on an occasion of joint meeting of the two groups in the Chair of Polish Legal History of the Jagiellonian University. Numerous authors immediately responded to this project. Their papers are published in the present volume.

It is not easy to briefly present the scholarly achievements of Professor Olszewski and his contribution to the Polish world of learning. Nor is it easy to describe all the ties of the Professor with the Cracow scholarly milieu. It has been for many years now that we experienced good will shown by Professor Olszewski to us and appreciated his advice. Professor was the reviewer of the research made by many authors whose papers were published in the present volume. Though his function of reviewer Professor contributed to their scholarly career. Professor Olszewski's achievements are particularly praiseworthy and make up a pattern to be followed. They combine the authentic research passion with reliable research methodology. In addition, we all highly appreciate the possibility of publishing the products of our research in the reputable "Czasopismo Prawno-Historyczne" ("Legal History Periodical") whose editor Professor has been for years. Thanks to Professor's remarkable engagement in this editorial work the aforementioned periodical has become one of the best research journals in the field of legal history, simultaneously integrating various research lines detectable in this field as well as the milieu of legal historians themselves. The periodical is reflective of our research success and Professor Olszewski doubtless has his share in the latter. The "Czasopismo Prawno-Historyczne" also illustrates the complex problems that the legal history research has sometimes to cope with.

The content of the third volume demonstrates varying research topics. The latter are concerned with legal and constitutional history of Poland and other states. Among the authors one may find the experienced scholars of noteworthy achievements as well as younger researchers.

The editors hope that despite varied subject matter of the papers contained in the volume the research lines followed by Professor Olszewski in his studies are reflected in many items of the published staff. These lines are particularly detectable in the papers that deal with the history of the Polish Sejm and the history of political and legal doctrines. The editors however deliberately resigned from authoritatively imposing on the authors of the papers any specific thematic suggestions. Like in the previous two volumes, thus also in this volume we tried to demonstrate basic research lines represented in the Cracow centre. We are convinced that smooth cooperation of legal historians and the historians of doctrines will be continued in the next volumes of the series: *Krakowskie studia*.

We hope that the research published in this volume will gain recognition of Professor Olszewski while thematic diversity will be considered the advantage of the volume.