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EDITORIAL PREFACE

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The research papers in this issue are in the fields of social sciences, politics, legal sciences, language and literature, economy, and finance, as well as computer and technological sciences.

This issue of the SEEU Review, which the Board of Editors proudly presents for your consideration, tries to give an overview of different issues that are important in these challenging modern times, ranging from the question of the rule of law in regulating human relations in society to the human rights, children rights, civil rights, rights of the parties, participants and third parties during law enforcement, and comparative analysis of local community protection mechanisms.

Some papers deal with context-based and non-context-based interpretation of English compounds in legal discourse, whereas others analyse fiscal decentralization and alternative sources for the local self-government as well as data mining as an approach for improving decision-making competency.

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