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### **REALITY OF POLITICS [estimates, comments, forecasts]. Transatlantism – Euroatlantism 1949–2009**

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On the workers' of the Institute of the Political Science and European Studies of University of Szczecin initiative, with a support of the Council of the Institute of the Political Science and European Studies, a Yearbook Reality of Politics [estimates, comments, forecasts] has been brought into existence. The aim of the community of political scientist from Szczecin has been creating a magazine which by its character could present a wide spectrum of opinions, views and reflections within the scope of contemporary issues concerning political science.

The idea of Reality of Politics [estimates, comments, forecasts] has been aimed to various academic circles. Thanks to it, unhindered, scientific dialogue and the development of young research workers are possible.

For presenting their opinions there have been asked representatives of not only academic but also other communities. Particularly interesting can be taking the opportunity of expressing opinions in the Reality of Politics [estimates, comments, forecasts] by practitioners usually working on widely understood political activity. Unfortunately this form of activity in that community is not common so the initiative of magazine's creators can please.

The initiators of bringing the Yearbook into being are going to devote particular volumes to a homogeneous subject. The above-mentioned publication is coming into existence with participation and support of the Publishing House Adam Marszałek.

In 2009 the leading subject was the issue: Transatlantism – Euroatlantism 1949–2009.

Articles presented in this edition of *Reality of Politics* [estimates, comments, forecasts] are the evidences of looking for an answers for a question which has been bothering many people for half century. In a process of historical changes in Europe, factors determining states' safety have been the subject to permanent change. Even though perceiving safety only in military categories is being abandoned now, a military safety of a state has been the main pillar of its functioning almost since the close of the previous century. Many authors of the magazine, among others Ł. Donaj and M. Franz emphasized this aspect in their articles. The authors also showed the meaning of relations between European states and the USA. Ones concentrated on their uniqueness in assessing the past (A. Żebrowski) but also contemporary problems were assessed extremely expressively (Ł. Jureńczyk). Relations for European states subjected to confrontational dialogue of the USSR's and the USA's policy did not escape the attention of other authors (D. Mierzejewski, J. Piątek). The policies created frames for many years and covered comprehensive aspects of mutual relations between various participants of safety community for decades (C. Monteleone, R. Willa, J.V. Wedel). Over the course of the years diverse connections have helped to work out many precious solutions which became Atlantic solutions, among others B.Z. Szalek writes about it. The role of the EU as a guarantor of a contemporary understanding of safety is emphasized in J. Ruszkowski's article. The meaning of the relations created for building safety by NATO are also emphasized in articles of K. Kubiak, K. Kościelniak, B. Kruszyński and E.A. Parthemore. The issues of detailed policies of particular states can be found in articles of R. Podgórzńska and P. Krzyżaniak.

Thoughts of the authors on issues of safety are presented on various levels and from different points of view. It seems that a possibly accurate description, explanation and understanding happening relations have to

refer to wide as well as narrow context of the issue contained in the problem Transatlantism – Euroatlantism 1949–2009. The description has to be carried out in spatial as well as temporal dimension. And although today, we judge the beginning and the functioning of the relations defined as transatlantic, we are not keen to relate them only to the past at all. It is very important for the magazine that in work on the subject of the Yearbook not only researchers representing Polish scientific centres took part. What is worth emphasizing, also representatives of foreign posts sent their scientific reflections. It portends well for popularization of Reality of Politics [estimates, comments, forecasts]. It can be predicted that the next edition of the magazine will arouse the interest of a wide circle of scholars and analysts.

The Publishing House Adam Marszałek and its president PhD A. Marszałek who one more time is a patron of a very interesting and uniquely ambitious enterprise, deserve words of congratulations and encouragement.