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Foreword

Słowo wstępne

The moment when we are writing these words is exactly the third anniversary of the death of Professor Wojciech Orłowski. The day of November 30, 2019, will always remain in our memories as one of the most tragic dates in the history of the Department of Constitutional Law of Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin. We appreciated Wojtek as an outstanding scholar, capable Head of the Department, and first and foremost as a good, friendly man, our Colleague and Friend.

Herewith, we give the Readers a volume comprising studies written to pay homage to the memory of Professor Wojciech Orłowski, covering mostly the constitutional and systemic issues on which his scientific interests focused. The texts presented contain diverse subject-matter. Not only do they cover the issues that are strictly related to Polish parliamentarism (M. Berek, J. Jaskiernia, P. Kędziora, S. Patyra, A. Przyborowska-Klimczak), which used to be the subject of Professor Orłowski's research and expert's work, but also they discuss topics that go beyond that sphere, referring to the legal-theoretical aspects of lawmaking (L. Leszczyński), conditions related to constitutional amendments (D. Dudek, R. Grabowski), the question of the place and role of agrarian matters in the Polish constitutional system (B. Jeżyńska), as well as the mechanisms of participation of local communities in the local-government decision-making process (K. Skotnicki, J. Kielin-Maziarz). The scientific and cognitive value of the volume is also contributed by the articles on the constitutional solutions in other countries, written by scholars from Hungary (I. Halász), Lithuania (A. Juškevičiūtė-Vilienė), and Ukraine (V. Kovalchuk, I. Sofinska).

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