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Preface to the Issue of the *Annales*

Conducting research and publishing in foreign languages are an asset that ELTE Faculty of Law has always endorsed and took great pride in. Publications in foreign languages, being an indispensable means of the Faculty's participation in the international academic discourse, have always been a matter of high priority for the Faculty of Law of ELTE and have taken shape in the two main pillars of foreign language periodicals: the *Annales* and – later on – the *ELTE Law Journal*.

The Faculty's oldest, annual foreign language journal, the *Annales*, which predominantly contains English and German language contributions from the Faculty's professors and lecturers, has been published for over six decades now, ever since 1959. The volumes not only provide an internationally accessible forum for ELTE's professors, but also for guest professors and authors, thereby functioning as a channel enabling the flow and exchange of information, knowledge and scientific results, studies, articles and publications on lectures and international conferences held at the Faculty, embracing substantially every aspect of legal and political science. It is my great pleasure to recommend this anniversary edition with my compliments, trusting that the invaluable tradition of writing and publishing in foreign languages will continue and further proliferate in the upcoming volumes of the *Annales*, stemming from within the walls of ELTE Faculty of Law and from other scientific fora, where researchers feel spiritual affinity for our Faculty.

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