THE WORD OF EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

I would like to welcome you to the new issue of the *Politics and Religion Journal,* which marks the 15 year of uninterrupted publication of the journal. As you know, the value of any journal can be easily seen from its authors and reviewers. Even a glimpse look into the *Politics and Religion Journal*'s archive will show you that this is one of the most international social science journals in the world. Members of all races and religions write for our journal, which belongs to all of its authors, reviewers and respectable readers.

The value of the journal can also be seen from the following information. When I first started with the popularization of the *Politics and Religion Journal,* I have published a short article about it for the English version of Wikipedia. As you might know, anyone could access and edit Wikipedia inputs in the past. That is how I realized that someone added something to my input, and it was not me. He/she added the following: "The political science of religion or politology of religion was established as an academic discipline in 1993 at the Faculty of Political Science of the University of Belgrade, Serbia. The founder of this discipline is Dr Miroljub Jevtic (*http://www.fpn.bg.ac.rs/en/undergraduate-studies/political-department/third-year/*). In 2006, Georgetown University established the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs as one of the first American university research centers devoted to issues surrounding the political science of religion"[1]. To this day I do not know who added this information, which is both true and very pleasant for me. It was on Wikipedia for years. However, just recently I realized that it was changed. The Wikipedia input starts with my definition of politiology of religion: "The political science of religion (also referred to as politicology of religion or politology of religion) is one of the youngest disciplines in the political sciences that deals with a study of influence that religion has on politics and vice versa with a focus on the relationship between the subjects (actors) in politics in the narrow sense: government, political parties, pressure groups, and religious communities. It was established in the last decades of the twentieth century".[2] Next to the term "politology of religion" someone added: *who named this discipline politology of religion?* Shortly after, I have sent a letter to the Wikipedia editors, explaining them that this term was accepted by the University of Chester[3], Nigerian political scientists[4], Congress Library and the library of Columbia Univer-

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1   „Political Science of Religion", available at: *https://wikimili.com/en/Political_science_of_religion*, (date accessed: 2.3.2021).

2   Miroljub Jevtić, Political Science and Religion, *Politics and Religion Journal*, Vol. 1, No. 1, 2007, pp. 59-69.

3   „Philosophy, Religion and Politics: Contributions and Perspectives of Politology of Religion", available at: *https://www.researchgate.net/publication/276278161_Philosophy_Religion_and_Politics_Contributions_and_Perspectives_of_Politology_of_Religion*, (date accessed 3.02.2021).

4   „Anambra's night of desecration, by Mobolaji Sanusi", available at: *http://omojuwa.com/2013/11/anambras-night-of-desecration-by-mobolaji-sanusi/,* (date accessed 3.02.2021). Take a look into the eight paragraph of the article.

sity, colleagues from Poland[5], etc. Most importantly, IPSA also accepted the term.[6] Unfortunately, it was not worth it. The input from Wikipedia has been removed. As a consequence, its readers cannot find out that the discipline was founded 28 years ago, and that thousands of students attended the classes and had exams.

The problems with the accurate representation of politogoly of religion do not end here. While browsing the internet, I have entered a term "Political Science Religion" in Yahoo, and found out about the "Project Gutenberg" website. It uses the above mentioned text from Wikipedia, which is also available in its integral part on Wikimili, but without the most important information: who founded the discipline, and where. Instead, it says that the discipline was founded by the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs. This website starts with my definition of the discipline, but in its the history it says: "The political science of religion or Politology of Religion was established as an Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs as one of the first American university research centers devoted to issues surrounding the political science of religion"[7]. You can see that the fact that I have founded the discpline was omitted, and the year of the foundartion of the Berkley Center, which is 2006. It was 13 years after I founded the discipline at the Faculty of Political Science – University of Belgrade. This information had to be omitted as the Berkley Center was founded after it, in the 21th century. It is particularly interesting that the definition of the discipline and its subject of research uses my own work, but does not quote it. Secondly, the Berkley center is a research institution; it is not an educational institution for students which provide diplomas. The Gutenberg web site, as a second sentence keeps the information from Wikimili, saying the following: "The *Politics and Religion Journal* was founded by the Center for Study of Religion and Religious Tolerance in Belgrade, Serbia in 2007. Its *spiritus movens* and editor in chief is Dr. Miroljub Jevtic, professor at the Faculty of Political Science, University of Belgrade, Serbia". The reference list consists of 13 sources, 10 of which are mine. Among others, there is an article where I offer a definition and a subject of research of politology of religion, which makes it distinct from other political science disciplines.

I will not comment the information I have highlighted above. I will leave it up to you to think why Wikipedia and Gutenberg decided to do what they did. I will, however, invite you once again to enjoy the Spring 2021 issue of the *Politics and Religion Journal.*

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5   Miroljub Jevtic, 25 years of Politology of Religion, available at: *http://www.chsp.waw.pl/images/wydania/2019/Jevtic.pdf*, (date accessed 3.02.2021).

6   „Politology of Religion as Framework for Analyse Relationship Among Religion and Politics", available at: *https://www.ipsa.org/wc/panel/politology-religion-framework-analyse-relationship-among-religion-and-politics*, (date accessed 3.02.2021).

7   „Political Science of Religion", available at: *http://self.gutenberg.org/articles/Political_science_of_religion*, (date accessed 3.02.2021).

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