

## Foreword

Notwithstanding the advancement of European integration, the constitutions of the individual Member States of the EU have continued to maintain their legal significance. Accordingly, the conceptual constructs and research methodology utilized until now continue to be applicable, and there is ongoing value to examining the scope of the constitutional questions that arise in the individual States.

Faced with the same, or similar, external challenges, as well as with internal problems, these questions are resolved not only with the assistance of the EU institutions, but also by incorporating specific Community legislative solutions into domestic law. The very concept and model of European law have given rise to a new conjuncture of autonomous, concurrently binding, parallel legal orders that operate on the basis of internal hierarchical principles that interact mutually. This state of affairs operates to increase the importance of studies and treaties focusing on the legal systems of individual Member States as the basis for legal and political science discussions.

It is my hope that this work, too, will serve that purpose. My intent was not only to provide the broadest updated synthesis of the voluminous normative legislative materials in Polish constitutional and EU law, but also to present recent Polish jurisprudence, in particular that of the Constitutional Tribunal shaping specific institutions as well as policies, law-making principles and viewpoints of legal scholars.

The assessment of these changes I shall leave to the Readers, with the hope that they will share their opinions with me.

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