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Introduction

Wprowadzenie

The aim of this special volume is to address theoretical and practical issues from the information society perspective. The basis for development of this society is information and the process of communication. Nowadays, a lot of contentious matters should be resolved in another way including enormous variables. They are associated, for example, with sociological, psychological, economic, ethical, and judicial areas. So, the intended result of the research is the perception of law including temporal and spatial dynamics.

Being theorists and philosophers of law, the authors have looked for an idea that would allow them to draw links between distant matters, developed by scientists from often distant places of the world. The authors tried to combine axiology, the application of law, alternative dispute resolutions, and artificial intelligence under one main idea – information society.

The debate takes place between law theorists and practitioners from Japan, the USA, Poland, and Ukraine. They discussed, among others, during the XXX IVR World Congress: "Justice, Community and Freedom" (Bucharest, Romania) and the special panel of IVR Polish Congress: "The Axiology of Judicial Discretion. The Context of Law-Making Policy, the Judicial Autonomy and Precedent Practice" (Katowice, Poland).

The authors of the articles included in this special issue are experts in the application of law, judicial discretion, axiology, artificial intelligence, enforcement of law, and alternative dispute resolution, including mediation. V.L. Fedorenko, T. Fedorenko, V. Kravchuk, A. Demchuk, N. Takeya, Y. Yamada, P. Patoleta, S. Pilipiec, and P. Kłos introduce the reader to the ADR perspective. Axiology issues are discussed by L. Leszczyński (who also addresses the application of law), J. Zajadło, and M. Kordela. The problem of judicial discretion is the subject matter of the article by B. Wojciechowski. The matters of artificial intelligence were analyzed in

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relation to the application of law process in the articles written by Y. Yamada and John McClellan Marshall, while K. Hanas and P. Szczekocki examine the issue of the application of law.

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