

ABSTRACT

Award for Courage and Integrity – Roger Scruton

In 2016, Roger Scruton was honoured by the Lech Kaczynski Foundation with the Medal for Courage and Integrity. The Medal is awarded once a year to a personality worthy of the spirit of Polish president Lech Kaczynski, killed in an air crash. Read the accolades and Scruton’s acceptance speech in the 2016 Autumn issue of the journal *Pro Minoritate*.

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Minority forms of political participation

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In addition to the framework agreement on minority protection and the case law of the European Court of Human Rights, the author analyses the recommendations made by the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities. Interestingly enough, while mention is made in international instruments of ethnic-based power sharing and autonomy solutions, consultative rights, preferential parliamentary representation and other “soft” legal solutions came to the fore internationally in recent years.

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South Tyrol is a multi-ethnic and multi-cultural province in which speakers of Italian, German and Ladin live together thanks to autonomy statute(s). The South Tyrolean People’s Party (SVP), the big tent party of ethnic Germans living here, has for decades maintained a political status quo with no serious challengers in provincial elections.

This paper focuses on presenting and examining challenges to the South Tyrol party system from the first decade of the new millennium onwards. With support for the ruling party (SVP) and its voter base having become divided, realignment of political forces in the province has benefited the German secessionist parties.

COCEANIG, Áron: Slovenian minority rights protection system in Italy 70
The position of the Slovenian minority in Italy today is determined by Laws 483/1999 and 38/2001. In addition to presenting the history and current use of this legislation, the paper addresses the minority protection problems related to the internal stratification of Slovenian minorities in Friuli Venezia Giulia. It deals with the operation of the consultative council which plays a prominent role in protecting minority rights of Slovenians, and presents the shortcomings of the council. Italian legislation is unique in that minority protection measures are based not on objective, demographic, statistical criteria, but on initiatives of the relevant settlements inhabited by Slovenians in the province.

Artefact

The Framework Convention: a key tool to managing diversity through minority rights. Thematic Commentary No. 4 the Scope of Application of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, Advisory Committee on the Framework for the protection of National Minorities, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, 27 May 2016 85

On the Research Trail

“It is not a given that whenever Hungarian affairs are handled by Hungarians, better decisions will be taken.” – Tamás Korhecz Jr. in conversation with Tamás Gusztáv Filep 129

The Rolling 1970s

DEMETER, Csanád: Dance House Festivals in Miercurea Ciuc 155
The beginning of the dance house movement in Transylvania was marked by the first urban dance house in February 1977 in Cluj, followed by others in Miercurea Ciuc, Odorheiu Secuiesc and Tirgu Mures, towns of Székely Land. In Odorheiu Secuiesc a national festival was organised five times in succes-

sion (1978-1982), always covered by the national media. The popularity of the festival attracted the attention of communist state authorities and, like the rest of events organised by Hungarians in Romania, it was blacklisted in the early eighties.

Studium

OLÁH, Dániel: Transylvania Indians. The way Romanians were pictured in *Vasárnapi Újság* 167

Through the example of *Vasárnapi Újság*, a popular Hungarian-language weekly in Austria-Hungary, the paper presents the view formed by contemporary Hungarian intellectuals of Romanians. The content analysis of over 2440 issues published between 1867 and 1914 leads the author to conclude that the magazine created an oriental image, mixed with romantic features, of Romanians living in contemporary Monarchy. It was a homogeneous, albeit caricatured, national characterology, which rarely allowed the emergence of individual characters. In terms of content and associations the image of Romanians remained constant in the period under scrutiny.

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It was six centuries ago that, coming from the territory of the Golden Horde, ancestors of present-day Tatars in Poland settled in the territory of the Polish-Lithuanian Union. They brought with them Mongol-Turkic traditions and tactics; in exchange for the hospitality extended to them by the rulers of Poland, they had to provide military service in defence of the motherland. This had the consequence that Tatar identity was thereby enriched with numerous Polish elements. Adopting the Polish language and gradually acquiring Polish customs, they created a unique ethnic identity characterised by the unique combination of Tatar-Muslim traditions and Polishness.

Review

PÁSZTOR, Péter: Taking stock of László Ravasz. On Pál Hatos's book
Hatos Pál: *Szabadkőművesből református püspök*, Jaffa Kiadó, Budapest, 2016 197

DONCSEV, Toso: Tuszányos, the middle of the world
Németh Zsolt: *Hitünkéből értékek következnek*, I-II. kötet, Méry Ratio Kiadó, Budapest, 2016 208