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The *Politics and Religion Journal* (PRJ) is published since 2007 and by now it has gained a respectable reputation in the world of social sciences. This is the new issue of PRJ. We know for a fact that *Politology of Religion*, as an independent scientific discipline within Political science, was first studied in the Department of Political Science at the University of Belgrade, in the school year 1993/1994.¹ Since then, it has been developing all over the world. Furthermore, the article by Steven Kettel, published in *PS: Political Science and Politics*, has confirmed that PRJ, according to the date of its first publishing, is the first worldwide journal in the field.²

Every issue of the PRJ has the same goal – to explain the interplay of religion and politics by using the method of different case studies. We believe that every issue of PRJ is helping us to realize different ways of how religion can influence politics, and vice versa. Furthermore, previous PRJ's issues indicate that religion is an important factor of political behavior and that Political Science should take religion seriously. And this is not the case in just one religion, but holds true for all religions. I argue that the major goal of Political Science is to better understand the conditions that maintain political stability. The development of democracy and achievement of permanent world peace highly depend on the interplay of religion and politics.

PRJ will continue to present a multicultural approach to these problems by giving a diverse group of authors the opportunity to express their attitudes regardless of their religious background. PRJ does not ascribe to political correctness and every author is given the opportunity to write and express what he or she wants, however, only if he or she is seeking the truth and respects the principles of scientific methodology. Of course, his or her work will be published only after passing a rigid review process.

The multicultural nature of PRJ is something of which we are truly proud. There is no religion or race that has not been or will not be represented

1 Philosophy, Religion and Public Policy. A two- day conference at the University of Chester, as part of the AHRC Philosophy and Religion Practices Research Network – <http://www.chester.ac.uk/sites/files/chester/Philosophy,%20Religion%20and%20Public%20Policy%20-%20final%20programme.pdf> , (Accessed 10.11.2014.) https://www.academia.edu/6554654/Philosophy_Religion_and_Politics_Contributions_and_Perspectives_of_Politology_of_Religion , (Accessed 10.11.2014.) Mobolaji Sanusi, *Anambra's night of desecration* <http://omokuwa.com/2013/11/anambra-s-night-of-desecration-by-mobolaji-sanusi> , (Accessed 10.11.2014.) Стрельников Сергей Сергеевич, *Взаимодействие политической культуры и конфессионального сознания в условиях модернизации в России*, Диссертация на соискание ученой степени кандидата философских наук, Тюменский государственный университет, Тюмень 2014. стр. 10, 98 (PhD dissertation presented at Tumen State University, Russia, Juin 2014) <http://d21227402.utmn.ru/docs/5432.pdf> (Accessed 10.11.2014.)

2 Steven Kettell, Has Political Science Ignored Religion, *PS: Political Science & Politics*, Vol. 45, No. 1, 2012, p. 18. Available at: http://wrap.warwick.ac.uk/39736/1/WRAP_Kettell_political_science_religion_2011.pdf , (Accessed 10.11.2014.)

in the issues of PRJ. And every topic that is scientifically, socially and politically important will be analyzed in this journal. Our authors and reviewers come from all worlds' civilization, and have been included in different issues of the PRJ. Here I will mention just some of the issues in which our diverse group of authors and reviewers have made important contribute: Religion and Politics in contemporary USA, Religion and Politics in Britain, Religion and Politics in contemporary China, Religion and Politics in India, Religion and Politics in Japan, Terrorism from the view of Muslims, etc.

PRJ is one of the most international journals in the world today. This is evidenced by the fact that the past fifteen issues have seen contributions from over 150 authors and reviews from over 200 experts, hailing from countries around the globe.

Our readers should know that we will continue our endeavor of becoming the world's best journal in the social sciences. Furthermore, we will continue our mission towards a better understanding between different religions and strive towards world peace, one of the most important preconditions for keeping mankind safe.

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