

Preface: Ideas and Society on the 150th Anniversary of the Birth of Leon Petrażycki

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Abstract:

It is a Preface to Volumes 7:3 and 7:4 (2018) consisting of articles presented at the International Interdisciplinary Conference *Ideas and Society* on the 150th anniversary of the birth of Leon Petrażycki, held on November 24, 2017, in Rzeszów, Poland.

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The International Interdisciplinary Conference *Ideas and Society* (held on November 24, 2017, in Rzeszów, Poland) has been organized by dr. Andrew Schumann, dr. Włodzimierz Zięba, dr. Andrzej Dąbrowski, dr. Paweł Balcerak on the 150th anniversary of the birth of Leon Petrażycki (born 13 April 1867 in Kołłątajewo, Belarus, and died 15 May 1931 in Warsaw, Poland), who was a Polish lawyer, philosopher, law sociologist, and logician. He presented a naturalistic approach for different problems of cognitive nature which simultaneously emerge in law, philosophy, and ethics. It is possible to say that Petrażycki became the first Polish cognitive scientist. Within the conference we have discussed basic problems related to law philosophy, methodology of science, and to decisions and cognitive processes. For instance, which grounds are ascribed to law theory? Whether law is autonomous from philosophy? Which modern challenges of law philosophy are there? Which problems are faced by modern methodology of science? Is it possible to build a model of decision making founded on recent explications of cognitive process?

Law is an element of society and it is not possible to omit social contexts in studying law. So, we have put the question about real social functions of law and about legal consciousness and legal dysfunctions.

We have discussed many other questions, as well, which are accompanied within the subject of law and its philosophical reflexion, including general questions of methodology. These questions have been concerned by us from the point of view of behavioral sciences: behavioral economics, behavioral politics, etc. The aim of the conference has been to explicate possibilities of applying modern philosophical methods for analyzing some mechanism of making decisions in different contexts of individual and social lives. We have assumed that we need to make explanations of mechanism, activated in the course of making decisions, as well as contexts and conditions, which play role in these processes, to engage these mechanisms in a forecasting activity and social planning.

We have analyzed a lot of domains and spheres of lives, such as economy, society, culture, and politics. Especially, we have taken into our consideration some cultural contexts. For instance, in the problem of religious believes, we can analyze decision procedures and their societal effects.

Volumes 7:3 and 7:4 (2018) of *Studia Humana* are Postproceedings of the Conference described above. The majority of contributions, such as *What is Offered to the Modern Science by Leon Petrażycki?* by Sławomir Tkacz, *Intuitive Law in the Light of Independent Ethics* by Małgorzata Obrycka, *Falsification of the Theory of Legal Rules and Legal Standards of Ronald Dworkin Using the Methodological Foundations of the Theory of Law and Morality of Leon Petrażycki* by Krzysztof Majczyk, *Genesis and Nature of Moral and Legal Norms. Leon Petrażycki's Naturalistic Solution* by Andrzej Dąbrowski, *Truth and Adequacy. Remarks on Petrażycki's Methodology* by Jan Woleński, and *Leon Petrażycki on Norms and Their Logical Study* by Elena Lisanyuk and Evelina Barbashina, are devoted to different methodological questions in the modern perusal of Petrażycki's works. Another part of contributions, such as *Expert Knowledge: Its Structure, Functions and Limits* by Marek Hetmański, *The Knobe Effect From the Perspective of Normative Orders* by Andrzej Waleszczyński, Michał Obidziński, Julia Rejewska, *The Emotivism of Law. Systematic Irrationality, Imagined Orders, and the Spirit of Decision Making* by Adrian Mróz, and *Creative Reasoning and Content-Genetic Logic* by Andrew Schumann, is devoted to different cognitive aspects in decision making.