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FOREWORD

Dear readers,

This book is a collection of chapters by distinguished authors from academic institutions throughout Europe addressing the growing importance of migration policy making and the refugee crisis that European Union member states and other countries are currently facing.

By focusing on the most important effects that the new age of migration from third world countries has brought to the European Union we introduce analytical studies dedicated to a critical overview of the politicization, securitization and social discourse of migration. The authors critically analyze the impacts of such processes on public administration and governance and present critical views of the current migration policy of the European Union. Similarly, we discuss the rise of the radical right in EU member states, the rise of populism and the alienation of citizens from formal politics which is also caused by the growing interest in security and public safety.

The pan-European character of the publication's scope is vested in its narration; we cover the situation in Western Europe, the critical positions of the Visegrad countries as well as foreign policy making in Slovenia and the Western Balkans. Moreover, the authors address case studies from states such as Armenia and Moldova, including their labour migrants in the Western world. The authors go even further afield and cover the immigration policies of countries that are well-known for their open and liberal immigration activities such as Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States.

This book is one of the main outputs from the Jean Monnet Chair in Migration: The Challenge of European States, a project that the Faculty of Social Sciences at University of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Trnava, Slovakia has been granted for the period 2016-2019. The Jean Monnet Chair in Migration is a teaching and research post with a

specialization in European Union studies for university professors or senior lecturers.

More specifically, the Jean Monnet Chair in Migration: The Challenge of European States carries out following activities:

1. deepens teaching in European integration studies embodied in an official curriculum of a higher education institution;
2. conducts, monitors and supervises research on EU subjects, also for other educational levels such as teacher training and compulsory education;
3. provides in-depth teaching on European integration matters for future professionals in fields which are in increasing demand on the labour market;
4. encourages, advises and mentors the young generation of teachers and researchers in European integration subject areas.

We believe the following chapters significantly contribute to the current state of academic and research discussion related to the post-modern migration and refugee crisis, involving a wide range of authors to critically rethink the current human capital and provisions guaranteeing the future of European integration and cohesion policies.

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