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## Editorial note

The present special issue of *Acta Humana* beyond publishing innovative articles from young scholars on minority rights and minority issues, includes also two thought-provoking research article from Melinda Szappanyos and Valéria Horváth. In her article Szappanyos explores the challenges the European Court of Human Rights may face regarding the impact on human rights of new AI technologies. While Horváth sheds light on the challenges and difficulties encountered by international legal scholars in tackling the phenomenon of “environmental refugees” under international law.

The four articles in the main section of this special issue cover a wide range of minority rights issues. The Global Minority Rights Summer School, organised by the University of Public Service – Ludovika and the Tom Lantos Institute, every year gathers talented PhD students, young scholars and civil activists to learn about and address current developments in international minority rights law. Asang Wankhede and Nikola Donev both participated at the 2022 Global Minority Rights Summer School. Wankhede’s article offers a critical analysis of international human rights regime examining the shortcomings and failure of international human rights norms in addressing the specific challenges Dalits face in enjoying their fundamental human rights. Donev makes an attempt to shed light on the difficult implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement that settled the relations between the minority Albanian community and Macedonian majority in North Macedonia. Other contributions include three articles authored by Fanni Korpics, Ekaterina Kosiuk and Renáta Somogyi, who follow their PhD studies at the Doctoral School in Public Administration Sciences at the University of Public Service – Ludovika. Korpics’s article focuses on the effects of regionalisation and decentralisation on smaller minority communities from a comparative perspective in three European countries (France, Italy and Spain). Somogyi writes about the situation of the Polish community in the historical Danzig in the inter-war period. The last article in the section on minority issues discusses the theoretical problems of the principle of self-determination in international law and the applicability of the self-determination argument in the case of Abkhazia. Ekaterina Kosiuk does not only point to the historical contradictions that underlie the Abkhazian independence movement, but also reflects on the present-day consequences of the partial recognition of Abkhazia by a few states after 2014. Sadly, Ekaterina could not see the final edited version of her article, her untimely passing in August 2022 leaves us to dedicate this special issue to her memory.

Balázs Vizi, editor

