

**STUDII DE DREPT ADMINISTRATIV
(ADMINISTRATIVE LAW STUDIES)**

- BOOK REVIEW -

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A number of 71 studies, selected from the many published in the last 20 years, are presented in the volume. The author, Maria Orlov, Associated Professor, President of the Institute of Administrative Sciences from the Republic of Moldova, presents her analysis, ideas and conclusions focused in the selected time interval, upon the state of law, public administration, good governance – assets management, public services and works – as well as administrative justice.

The volume, containing studies published as first-author or co-author following diverse cooperations, reflects the restless and enthusiastic activity of the author for the elaboration, improvement and perfection of the legislation of Republic of Moldova in the area of administrative law. Her analysis is always based on valuable principles which protect democracy and human rights derived from international law, French law and, sometimes, Romanian law, in the area of public law.

Elements of constitutional law, the organisation and activity of public administration, the law of local communities and local autonomy, decentralization, the regional development policies, public service and public servants, administrative justice, the reforms for the modernisation of the public administration of the Republic of Moldova and the Cooperation Agreement between the EU and the Republic of Moldova are milestones that mark the area of scientific research interest of the author.

The content of the studies highlights the pure and honest intention of providing the legislators or those who apply the legal norms of administrative law with the principles as well as viable and correct solutions belonging to the European democracy, for an adequate protection of those administrated, in order to achieve a good-governance. „Democracy is not decreed, it is conquered” points out the author, underlining that every society has its own vision upon liberty, its own social profile and its own aspirations, politics being not a precise science. If the mechanisms provided to citizens are not clear, if they do not know how to give maximum effect to the democratic institutions and do not fulfil their role in

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democracy, the premises for a trust crisis of the population is created and this erodes the representation capacity of the state. The fundament of the conclusions regarding the reform of public administration is the idea that public administration is one of the main mechanisms connecting the state, the civil society and private sector, and promoting the reform of the public administration is a way to achieve higher development levels for economy, decreasing poverty and political stability. Cooperation between public administration and the private sector through administrative contracts, concession contracts, public procurement contracts, the public-private partnership contracts are pioneering domains of the scientific research regarding the legislation of the Republic of Moldova after 1990, the conclusions of the author's research pointing to the importance and necessity of a homogeneous national theory regarding administrative acts in the Republic of Moldova, aligned to the European coordinates in the field. The evolution of administrative justice in the legislation of the Republic of Moldova is a sensitive point, throughout her studies the author presenting the milestones and correct principles which should govern this area, the need for preparing magistrates and mechanisms that ought to be provided to citizens so that they can protect their rights in a true democracy.

The European vision, the up to date information, the vast area of the problems researched and the high level of the analysis and solutions provided to the spotted problems, recommend this volume to all those interested in public administration.