

## FOREWORD

As always, this volume is a continuation of the research carried out as part of the seminars organized for doctoral students and other researchers at the Faculty of Law of the University of Lubumbashi, in collaboration with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

Unlike previous editions, this one appears in a universally peculiar context. Indeed, the pandemic linked to the coronavirus (COVID-19) has not spared the African continent in general and the Democratic Republic of Congo in particular.

In this context, it is only natural that researchers should, in one way or another, examine various aspects, essentially those of a legal or administrative nature, with a view to providing an explanation, determining the impact, and identifying the normative and institutional framework for the purpose of proposing measures that are deemed appropriate and better for management of the situation.

In this regard, KALALA ILUNGA MULUMBA Matthias, SANGA KABAMBA Emile and KAZADI MALALE Doty define the framework for State intervention in the fight against Covid-19, while MUMBA KAKUDJI Martial highlights the Covid-19 phenomenon as experienced and managed within the University of Lubumbashi.

The impact of measures taken by the Government on human rights is discussed by KALALA ILUNGA MULUMBA Matthias, KALENGA NGOY Marie Thérèse and KIMPESA YA MULENDA.

In doing so, MWENZE MINZA Martin and KALAMA KASEBA Odon identify the correlation between global warming and the pandemic in the specific case of the mining province of Upper Katanga.

MUMBA KAKUDJI Martial and MFUAMBA MULUMBA Isidore analyse the legal framework of the curfew imposed by the Congolese government in the fight against the spread of Covid-19 in the city of Lubumbashi and its practical implementation.

Finally, this volume also contains an article on the impact of state measures due to COVID-19 in Nigeria, particularly in relation to the right to life and the right to health. BONTUR LUGARD Sunday's article provides a look beyond borders.

It is clear that scientists are aware of the sensitivity of the issues involved. The quest for the consolidation of the rule of law, which has always been desired in the Democratic Republic of Congo in particular and in the African Great Lakes Region in general, is at stake!

In conclusion, the contributors reiterate their gratitude to their supervisors, including Professor Dr. KALALA ILUNGA Matthiesen of the University of Lubumbashi in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Professor Dr. HARTMUT HAMANN of the Free University of Berlin in Germany. We would like to thank them and the entire KONRAD ADENAUER Foundation, for their generous support.

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the programme nor the KONRAD ADENAUER Foundation in any way. Our wishes remain the same: the continuity and success of the programme and quality improvement with regard to the proposed research.

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