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## Notice of Retraction

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The director and editors of Revista de Ciencia Política (RCP) have decided to retract the article "Eulex's Impact on the Rule of Law in Kosovo" by Teresa Cierco and Liliana Reis, which appeared in RCP 34(3), pp. 645-663 in 2014.

After concern was raised about possible plagiarism (September 10, 2018), the editors of RCP investigated the case according to the Committee on Publication Ethics guidelines to assess the seriousness of the allegation and to determine its merits. The authors were then given the opportunity to respond to these charges. After careful consideration of all relevant information, including the authors' response, the editors found that the article did indeed contain numerous and lengthy passages that either represent verbatim copies of someone else's work, or which paraphrase source material with only minor alterations without being identified as such. These findings concern, in particular, the following publications: Džihic and Kramer (2009) "Kosovo After Independence" Friedrich Ebert Stiftung; European Court of Auditors (2012) "European Union Assistance to Kosovo Related to the Rule of Law" Special Report No 18; and Group for Legal and Political Studies (2013), "Rock and Rule: Dancing with EULEX" Forum 2015 - KFOS Operational Project.

Following an appeal by the authors, the Director of RCP, Alfonso Donoso, appointed a three-member ethics committee to review the case. After an exhaustive review, the committee confirmed the editors' initial decision.

The director and editors of RCP sincerely apologize to the authors' whose work is not duly cited and have taken steps to prevent future violations of academic integrity.

The retracted article will remain online to maintain the scholarly record, but it will be digitally watermarked on each page as "Retracted."

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