

BY WAY OF AN INTRODUCTION

From their very outset, Social Work programs at the Jagiellonian University's Institute of Sociology have been marked by the intensity and influence of our international cooperations – including a Polish-American component. This has continued to apply to both the didactic as well as research aspects of our joint endeavors.

This issue of our periodical – “Issues in Social Work” (“Zeszyty Pracy Socjalnej”) – constitutes but a fragmentary albeit meaningful reflection of this long-term cooperation. Its content encompasses three contributions. Two of them have been prepared by external authors representing academia with whom we have enjoyed a fruitful relationship for many years. The closing component of this stimulating triad stems from our home milieu. In its entirety, this edition of “Issues in Social Work” confirms this form of engagement which has been of particular importance to us and is certainly worthy of continuation.

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