

INTRODUCTION

The idea of setting up a periodical on the topic of young people in post-communist countries first occurred eight years ago on a train from Lviv to Simferopol. On that day, me and the first General Editor and co-founder of the periodical, professor Svitlana Schudlo from the Drohobych State Pedagogical University, came to the conclusion that although the world is becoming more and more global, and young people are in a sense products of that globalisation, still, we should be able to view young people in the context of their particular circumstances. We were especially conscious of the development of slightly differing trajectory which post-communist countries were going through after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

The concept of creating a thematic periodical on young people afforded the opportunity to observe this social group living in the countries in question. Research leaning on the post-communist paradigm, which was carried out later by professor Krystyna Szafraniec from the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń, only confirmed our assumptions (Szafraniec et al., 2017).

The first era of our periodical is already behind us and now, thanks to Sławomir Solecki, PhD, the Head of the Institute of Sociology at the Państwowa Wyższa Szkoła Europejska, that institution has supported us financially and we are able to place our periodical on the World Wide Web.

Today we are entering a new stage. Thanks to the significant academic support of the authorities of the Pedagogical University of Kraków,

we have gained new chances and opportunities. Most significantly, the Centre for Youth Research (Centrum Badań Młodzieży) was established at the university, and our periodical is a part of this structure. We see this as a platform for exchanging thoughts, ideas, and knowledge on the topic of young people of our region. It should be noted that all texts are available in open access formula and that publication is free for authors. Moreover, we have obtained access to the OJS website system, which makes cooperation with authors much easier and facilitates the publishing process. Last but not least, thanks to our cooperation we now have a completely new and attractive layout.

We publish articles by well-known authors whose works do not have to be advertised in any way, but we are also open to submissions from representants of the new generation who are just beginning their research adventure. We hope that all the changes mentioned above will improve the quality of the periodical and will provide an important locus for the discourse on young people.

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