

NOTE FROM EDITOR

The 50th issue of *Historyka. Studia Metodologiczne* was published last year. To this day, it remains the oldest and one of the most prestigious Polish journals devoted to the issues of the theory and methodology of history and the history of historiography. It was founded in 1967 and appeared first as the journal of the Institute of History of the Polish Academy of Sciences (first issue) and then of the Krakow Branch of the Polish Academy of Sciences. The Institute of History of the Jagiellonian University has co-published it since the beginning of the present century.

Due to the announcement that Poland will be the site of the 23rd International Congress of Historical Sciences, which will be held in August 2022 in Poznań, the editors of *Historyka* decided that this fact made it incumbent on the scholars associated with the journal to publish a special issue in English. Its purpose is to showcase the research topics in the fields of the theory of history, the methodology of history and the history of historiography that have been examined in our journal. The editors have asked their colleagues in Poland to submit articles and studies reflecting current trends in their historical research. This special volume, published as the second issue of the 51st volume of *Historyka*, consists of texts written by historians hailing from many academic centers in our country. These are both new studies prepared specially for this issue as well as English translations of the articles which had been previously published in Polish. Reprinting of them in English occurs with the consent of the original publishers. Not only did we want to give the historians associated with *Historyka* the opportunity to present their achievements to the guests of the forthcoming Congress, but also to celebrate this seminal event in Polish historiography. As we know it, the International Congresses of Historical Sciences have been held since 1898 and Poland has been chosen to be the host for the second time. It is worth recalling that Warsaw and partially Krakow became the venue of the 7th Congress in 1933.

In this volume, the submitted articles have been grouped under the traditional sections of *Historyka*. Thus, the reader will find articles on ‘pure’ theory of

history in the section titled ‘Problems.’ In the second section, entitled ‘Ideas’, we present analytical texts on the research of great Polish historians of the last century as well as on Hyden White who scrutinized theoretical problems of history and whose influence on our theoretical concepts has been significant. In the third part, ‘From the historian’s workshop’, we hope to present the panorama of practical research and methodological discussions conducted in the community of Polish historians. In order to have more space for articles, we decided to forgo the review section. The question arises to what extent the presented picture accurately reflects what is happening in the field of historical research in Poland that our journal examines. It is definitely not complete. The present volume reflects what is happening in the scholarly community invested in researching the theory and methodology of history, but it must be remembered that many interesting and methodologically inspiring studies can be found in practical research in various fields of history and various historical epochs as well as in various research centers in Poland, which are absent in the volume. *Historyka* will endeavor to find and popularize many interesting phenomena in the field of research methods and the history of historiography in its subsequent issues. We invite you to peruse our journal and share it with your colleagues.

This volume would not have been possible without the help of many institutions. On behalf of the Editorial Office of the journal, I would like to thank the board of the Polish Academy of Sciences and its Krakow Branch as well as the Faculty of History of the Jagiellonian University and the Institute of History of the Jagiellonian University for financial support, without which it would be impossible to publish this issue. Special words of thanks go to the translators, whose names are given under each text, and to those scientific institutions that financed the translation of the articles. Last but not least, I would like to thank the reviewers of this volume, Tomasz Wiślicz from the Institute of History of Polish Academy of Science and Mariusz Wołos from the Pedagogical University in Krakow.

On behalf of the Editorial Office,
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