

In this Issue

In the 17th issue of Warsaw Forum of Economic Sociology there are four papers and an extensive book review. Two articles focus on social dialogue, one is devoted to economic history, and another one adopts a comparative economic studies perspective.

Mateusz Szymański follows the meandres of international cooperation of young trade union members in Europe. It is a widely acknowledged fact that trade unions across the developed world are getting older, so rejuvenation of unions seems like a necessary condition of effective revitalisation.

Theodore Koutroukis looks at European Works Councils (EWC) in the context of Greek economy. The results show that EWCs strengthen social partners' supra-national co-ordination, promote transnational human resources policies, help the emergence of a European industrial relations system, upgrade bi-partite communication and replicate employee relations within subsidiaries of multinational corporations.

Wojciech Morawski recalls successive attempts to reform the socialist economy of post-war Poland. It is not a coincidence that subsequent waves of 'reformist' ideas described by the author do not match with political turning points.

Bogusław Czarny assesses economic performance of the Nordic countries (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden) using statistical data. The author concludes that the Nordic countries generally perform better than other major developed countries, while at the same time, the gaps among the Nordic countries remain relatively small.

The volume is topped-up with the review of Świat *(bez) pracy. Od fordyzmu do czwartej rewolucji przemysłowej* [*The world with(out) work. From Fordism to the fourth industrial revolution*], a volume co-edited by J. Czarzasty and Cz. Kliszko, written

by Jacek Sroka. The book was published to celebrate the 70th birthday of our Editor, Juliusz Gardawski. The authors contributing to the volume cover a wide range of issues, whose common denominator is the question about the future of work in the modern society of early 21st century which undergoes a radical and overwhelming social change.

We hope that the readers will find the current issue interesting and inspiring. As usual, we kindly invite everyone to submit their works to the Editors.