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The 22nd issue of Warsaw Forum of Economic Sociology focuses on such issues as industrial relations in theoretical perspective, tourism industry as a driver of economic development and impact of foreign payments on national-level public policies.

There are three articles and a book review in this issue. The article by Jan Czarzasty ('Marking the Field of Industrial Relations in Poland: Theoretical Inspirations and Research Traditions') discusses academic research conducted in Poland on industrial relations put in the context of international debates on the subject. The article presents empirical and theoretical contributions made by scholars representing various fields, such as sociology, cultural anthropology, history, social psychology, economics, political science, labour law, etc. The author emphasized that the field of industrial relations is complicated due to the turbulent socio-economic changes and crises that have been going on a global scale since the end of the 'Fordist' period.

Włodzimierz Kędziołek ('The Economic Effects of International Tourism on an Economic Development in the Global and Regional Scale') delivers an analysis of the effects of globalization trends in the world economy within the international tourism sector. The author emphasizes the issue of lacking coordination in that area, and shortage of synergy effects that could be achieved by cooperation between developing countries in the tourism industry. The author's analysis of the economic aspect of international tourism exchange allows him to capture both positive and negative effects of foreign investments in the domestic tourism sector. The poorer regions (peripheries) in the world economy are falling prey to tourism colonization by affluent countries belonging to the center of the world economic system. This is particularly acute in the case of countries with the so-called tourist monoculture.

Paweł Storz ('The Impact of Payments to Foreign Recipients in the Economic Policy of the State') discusses the issue of the impact of payments to foreign recipients in the economic policy of the state. The author emphasizes that the development of the foreign trade sphere, in particular international trade in services, is of key importance in the context of the accelerating globalization processes in the world economy. The aim of the article is to present the taxation of payments to foreign recipients as one of the tools for shaping the economic policy of state. The author adopts a specific frame of reference for the Polish economy, namely the highly developed economies of Hong Kong and Singapore. In conclusion, the author states, inter alia, that a low level of stability of the fiscal system appears to be a serious problem for many national economies.

This issue concludes with a review of the book by Paweł Ruskowski, Andrzej Przystalski, Paweł Maranowski, 'World View Polarization of Polish Society and Social Classes and Strata'.