

In this Issue

The 12th issue of Warsaw Forum of Economic Sociology is certainly diverse but centred around socio-economic attitudes towards corporate social responsibility, social partnership and social dialogue. We present six papers, which deal with a wide array of topics, including managers' attitudes to CSR, EU social dialogue, vocational education and training, methodological challenges of survey research, as well as complexity of relations between incomes inequalities and happiness.

Katharina Bluhm and Vera Trappman provide a very interesting account of their comparative research on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and managers' attitudes in Germany (differentiated into East and West), Poland and Hungary. As the authors point out, the approach towards CSR vary across countries, and attitudes and activities are not in a deterministic relation.

Barbara Surdykowska turns her attention to European social dialogue, focusing on the Article 152 (which recognises and promotes the role of social partners and facilitate dialogue between social partners respecting their autonomy). Thirty years after Val Duchesse meeting, now considered to be a symbolic launch of the EU-level social dialogue, the author investigates whether the EU helps to develop social dialogue or we are witnessing an attempt to block it.

Horacy Dębowski and Wojciech Stęchły invite the Readers for a journey to freshly introduced Polish National Qualifications System. The authors focus on two issues: implementation of the European Credit System for Vocational Education and Training (ECVET) into a national qualifications system, and the 2012/2013 vocational education reform in Poland.

Małgorzata Bombol ponders well-known, yet still unresolved questions on how to effectively investigate the upper class using quantitative methods. That specific section of social structure has continuously proven its ability to successfully shelter

themselves from being approached by social researchers. In the Polish context, the issue is even more interesting, as the top layer of social hierarchy is still to be described only as a 'class in the making'.

Magdalena Andrejczuk and Tomasz Jałukowicz look at the world of startups in Poland. The authors dig under the surface of a fashionable research subject and thoroughly review varieties of available approaches to analyses of startups phenomenon in Poland.

Adam Okulicz-Kozaryn provocatively asks whether income inequality causes damage to happiness. Using a wide spectrum of data from secondary sources, the author concludes that equal societies protected by welfare makes us happier than those with relatively lesser social protection.

The volume also contains the review of Krzysztof Jasiołkowski's *Kapitalizm po polsku. Między modernizacją a peryferiami Unii Europejskiej (Capitalism Polish style. Between modernisation and peripheries of European Union)* by Juliusz Gardawski. The book under review, while certainly not being a pioneer effort in providing an account of the process of rebuilding the market economy in Poland, is definitely the most comprehensive one published up to date. The author's attempt to capture the essence of Poland's socio-economic transformation is impressive, not only due to the extensive list of resources employed, but also because of original conclusions drawn.

We dedicate the 12th issue of WFES to the memory of Sławomir Sztaba, member the Advisory Board and our author. His passing away saddened us all. Delivery of issue 12 concludes the sixth year of our journal's presence in global circulation. While being more than satisfied with the two issues published in 2015, we are looking forward to new interesting entries.