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Editor's Preface

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Tekst jest udostępniony do wykorzystania w ramach dozwolonego użytku.

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This, the second issue of the *Journal* is specially devoted to Polish culture and society (as the last section usually is). Half of the texts deal with many aspects of the specific Polish context of culture and education processes. This was not originally planned.

Initially we thought that it might cause a problem that specific Polish problems dominate the scientific discourse, but on reflection it seems quite clear that the issues covered have a kind of leitmotif.

The other texts are connected rather with culture, dealing with world diversity and specific local/ or fragmentary problems seen from an East European perspective.

At the moment we are able to avoid financial problems - there are a lot of people voluntarily engaged in the production of the *Journal*, so we are still able to send free copies of our "masterpiece" to the most important libraries in the European countries (unfortunately not to all of them).

We are very proud to announce that our debutants are appreciated by the independent external boards and commissions. Some of them have started PhD studies, others are getting scholarships, awards or are working within the university.

From now on, every issue will be indexed.

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