

From the Editor

The editorial board of the *Polish Journal of English Studies* welcomes you all to our tenth anniversary issue. It has been ten years since we started our journey and now we are truly proud of what we have achieved. We look back on the eighteen volumes filled with scholarship and hope that there are many more ahead of us.

When we started our work it was our purpose to create a journal which would address every aspect of English studies. We have expanded the range of presented topics and disciplines with every issue. And yet we are aware of the fact that there are still topics that have not been presented. If you feel that your field of academic interest belongs to them, the only remedy is to submit a proposal.

The present issue is perfect proof of the broadness of our interests. We begin with literary studies – this time we offer a wide selection of studies in the works of a British, an Australian, an Irish, and an American writer, showcasing the variety of the field of literary English studies. We proceed with yet another paper on history of English language, two papers in sociolinguistics, and finally a paper which combines the topic of language taboo with translation studies.

Although we are the academic journal of the Polish Association for the Study of English, it has always been our aim to be as inclusive and international as possible, inviting scholars from all over the world. We have succeeded in this by publishing articles written by academics from over thirty countries and the number has grown with every issue. From the very beginning we have operated as a Diamond Open Access journal; we do not charge our authors or our readers, and the costs of our operations are covered by the Polish Association for the Study of English. We have also made sure to be included in the most important full-text data bases and listed in bibliographies such as ABELL and MLA International Bibliography.

Our work is done now, but only temporarily, as we are already planning the second 2024 issue which will be dedicated to E. M. Forster on the centenary of the publication of his novel *A Passage to India*. It will be available in December 2024. If you would like to contribute, submissions to the volume are welcome by the end of September. We are also looking forward to your submissions on any subject within the English Studies, which will be considered for publication in 2025. We are also happy to publish book reviews.

I would like to end this brief introduction by expressing my gratitude to all those who have helped us during these ten years. I want to thank my co-editor-in-chief during the first seven years of our activities, Prof. Jacek Fabiszak, our managing editors Dr Weronika Szemińska and Anna Wołosz-Sosnowska, our language editor Dr Marcin Tereszewski, our technical editors Dr Łukasz Karpiński and Dr Marcin Klag, the board of the PASE, our numerous reviewers, and all those who were with us through the years including all the scholars who have submitted their work for publication. Last but not least, I would like to thank all the readers whose interest makes our work a worthy enterprise.

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