

From the Editor

The editorial board of the *Polish Journal of English Studies* welcomes you all to the second issue of our tenth anniversary volume. The present issue was originally inspired by the conference *A Passage to India - Centenary Revaluations*, which took place in June 2024 in Olsztyn, celebrating the centenary of E. M. Forster's novel *A Passage to India*. The conference was an inspiration for us, however, we decided against publishing a volume of conference proceedings and issued an open call for papers to all Forsterian scholars, inviting submissions dealing with all Forster's works and aspects of his literary oeuvre.

The resulting selection is impressively varied, the eight included papers cover major part of Forster's oeuvre from his debut novel *Where Angels Fear to Tread* to the last one published in his lifetime, *A Passage to India*. We have supplemented it with a novelty in our journal, a short dramatic piece, the libretto of an opera scene inspired by the latter novel, the work of the distinguished librettist Claudia Stevens. You will also find in the volume six reviews of recently published books mostly related to Forster, and a conference report.

The papers prove on the one hand that the works of Forster are read with interest by scholars all over the world - if we include the book reviewers, the authors of the present volume represent nine nations - and of all stages of academic career. We have here seasoned Forsterians, retired university professors joining forces with young scholars preparing their PhD dissertations. For some of them it is their debut in an international scholarly journal. We hope it will be the beginning of illustrious academic careers.

The *Polish Journal of English Studies* is the official journal of the Polish Association for the Study of English. It is an honour for us but this honour sometimes comes with very sad duties. We want to say goodbye to Ms Elżbieta Fołtyńska, our longtime friend and the secretary of the Association. We will all miss her dearly and you can find recollections of her friends and colleagues in the present volume.

On an even more personal note, I would like to end this brief introduction by expressing my boundless gratitude to all those involved in the edition of our journal since 2015. I want to thank my co-editor-in-chief during the first seven years of our activities, Prof. Jacek Fabiszak, the heads of our sections, our managing editors Dr Weronika Szemińska and Dr Anna Wołosz-Sosnowska, the language editor Dr Marcin Tereszewski and the other members of our expanding language edition team, our technical editors Dr Łukasz Karpiński and

Dr Marcin Klag, the board of the PASE, the members of the advisory board, numerous reviewers, and all those who were with us through the years including all the scholars who have submitted their work for publication without whom the journal would not exist. Last but not least, I would like to thank all the readers whose continued interest makes our work a worthy enterprise.

The present volume of the *Polish Journal of English Studies* closes the tenth year of our activities. Our work is done now but only temporarily, when the celebrations end we will be again looking forward to new submissions on any subject within the English Studies, which will be considered for publication in 2025.

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