

**Reception and scientific significance of the “Polish method”  
in sociological studies on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
of the publishing of *The Polish Peasant in Europe  
and America* (W.I. Thomas, F. Znaniecki) and the 80<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary of the publishing of *Młode pokolenie chłopów*  
(*The Young Generation of Peasants*; J. Chałasiński).**

The year 2018 marks two anniversaries significant not only for Polish sociology, i.e. the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publishing of *The Polish Peasant in Europe and America* by William Isaac Thomas and Florian Znaniecki (Boston, 1918), and the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Młode pokolenie chłopów* (*The Young Generation of Peasants*) by Józef Chałasiński (Warsaw, 1938).

Needless to say, particularly the former work turned out to have an absolutely revolutionary effect on sociology world-wide, as it introduced new theoretical concepts, methodological ideas and empirical material, while its authors approached challenging problems that sociology was unable to address at the early stages of its development and which it sometimes fails to face up to even nowadays. The latter publication, although never translated in its entirety into a foreign language and thus not so well-known abroad, is recognised as one of the most outstanding achievements in Polish sociology. The both works set the model standards, so far unrivalled by any other, in terms of the use of autobiographical data in sociological research, while the methodological rules governing how to deal with such material, developed by Chałasiński, Thomas and Znaniecki, are globally known in sociology as the *Polish method*.

In order to commemorate and first and foremost to recall these two important sociological works and their authors, we would like to partially devote the next issue of our periodical (24'2018) to the reception and scientific

significance of their concepts, both from the historical and contemporary point of view.

**All those interested, including our authors, readers and contributors, are welcome to submit their scientific articles, studies and other research papers related to the subject matter, methodology and research method proposed and developed in *The Polish Peasant in Europe and America* and *The Young Generation of Peasants*, with the deadline until 31 October 2017.**

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