

Editorial

We are glad to announce that we have the second issue of “Social themes”, a scientific journal for theory and practice of social work and related areas. In this way the space of science communication for such complex interdisciplinary topics in Bosnia and Herzegovina is established, confirming the need for it, especially as it is still one and only.

This journal undertook the task to give an opportunity to the science of social work to be seen in this area. Publishing of scientific production remains the main, but not the only reason of its existence! The journal also accepted the mission of creating the authentic scientific elite in BiH, particularly in these narrow scientific fields, by encouraging the established scientists and professors to prepare papers with young, future scientists and experts at the beginning of their career! We consider it an extremely important effort, that has already been confirmed in other areas, even those with a longer tradition of higher education! Everywhere, specially in the relatively new university centres, it is also the fastest and most efficient way towards creating authentic and valuable university community. It is no longer enough just to educate generations of practitioners with high school degrees without possibility of further, even scientific, progress that allows the expansion and strengthening of appropriate elite of their own and its further progress! It is, indeed, a long and complex process which requires dedication of existing university communities, individual and group engagement at multiple levels, commitment, patience, and also that space without which all the efforts could give no results. In light of these journal tasks there are two unusually long articles in this issue. They have just the educational role we mention and we believe that both students and theoreticians, researchers, practitioners and volunteers in a wide area of study and practice of social work, each in their own way, benefit for their personal and professional development as well as for more complete and better help to their users. The journal is here, offering its pages, and the university communities should do their part to the common good of people and times to come.

A certain misunderstandings arose about the priority of initiating the journal in the field of social work in BiH. But there is no place for misunderstanding, actually: the first journal in the field of social work, a long time ago, started the field of social work education in BiH, professor Muhammad Dervišbegović, Ph. D. and here is the first scientific journal, initiated and edited by his Ph. D. student, confirming the greatness of his mentor.

The circle of authors significantly increased in this issue which shows the interest of authors from several university centres and from other continents for publishing their articles in it. Also the circle of respected world-renowned scientists in the journal Council grew. We are grateful for their encouragement and support of our further endeavors.