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## Editorial

*A decade has passed since the launch of the first issue of the magazine Socijalne Teme, published in Mostar, was initiated to provide a space for communication, a kind of forum where ideas were related to the creation and development of a new professional and especially scientific elite, primarily in social work but also in related sciences, were they would meet, exchange, confront, and refine.*

*In that new centre for educating Social Workers and studying the broad psychosocial field and related sciences deal with, its past has been both strange and turbulent. From the very beginning of its life, the publication of its very first issue, was incomprehensible to scientific ethics, common sense, and even to the general public's understanding of morality. It was an unexpected and impossible event, an evident attempt of intellectual theft of an entire typeset, press-prepared magazine, and this attempt was done by a scientist, first among equals, also draped in a centuries-old tradition of dedication, consecrated by habit. Human selfish nature was fully revealed, present regardless of the worldview to which he belonged. This was overcome, followed by further sabotage, distancing from both the Faculty and the Department to which he contributed the most, but also the mission to the country of great controversies. It was established at a deserved level, rooted appropriately in the smallest, most disenfranchised national corpus in the country of Bosnia and Herzegovina.*

*After a splendid, celebratory promotion, driven by the enthusiasm of the initiators and a close circle of young, just-graduated social workers, the first issue of the magazine was followed by an increasingly difficult struggle from issue to issue to preserve the core of this*

*ambitious and, especially for those it was primarily intended for, almost vital undertaking. In addition, there was continued production in both physical and electronic forms. Issue after issue appeared, each richer in content.*

*This magazine was accompanied by other Scylla and Charybdis, daughters of a companion inflicted by a drastic decline in morality in our academic circles, which the University and State resources and elites did not even care to address when warned of the ultimate immorality! Despite all of this, ignored by university and state institutions in two countries, even by the Department established to aid and support Croatians outside the Republic of Croatia, it endured. The good idea manages to sustain. Now, there is a small jubilee! The tenth anniversary. And now a pivotal moment has arrived. To finish the unsuccessful attempt to create an indigenous intellectual elite in a new centre of knowledge transfer and creation or to give the possibility to the nucleus of the scientific elite in another centre, aware of the importance of nurturing and advancing through indispensable scientific production. What will happen will be seen shortly in the nearest future."*

*In this anniversary edition, a series of interesting scientific articles are dedicated to numerous important areas of research on the functioning of significant social factors. The first one addresses foster care as an increasingly important form of childcare for those without suitable parental care. Its importance is evident because the quality of life, and conditions for the growth and development of each child have immeasurable value, and since the onset of deinstitutionalization, this form of care has become particularly important. Therefore, examining the attitudes of professionals involved in implementing foster care has gained even more significance.*

*The following three articles are the result of valuable research on the educational role of primary schools and families. An examination was conducted on a representative sample to determine how engaged primary schools, class and subject teachers, and parents are in transmitting positive values to new generations, as well as how well-oriented and value-conscious the new generations are in their behaviour and functioning. The results suggest that the time has come for systematic, sustained action during the eight years of primary education to save society in this crucial segment of population reproduction. This is particularly important because the creation of highly educated yet ethically neglected generations, which began in the previous system, leads to total social anomie, inundating all areas of community functioning with corruption, crime, and immorality. It is hoped that the authors of this research and articles will be consistent with the conclusions of these works and initiate the development of necessary guides for teachers, to elevate the educational component – which is the first determination of primary and secondary schools in the law – and to continue efforts to bring it to the level of education for which knowledge catalogues exist.*

*An article dedicated to raising awareness among researchers in the field of social sciences, particularly social work, regarding the conceptual and values aspects of research, is highly welcomed to propel this realm of scientific interest forward. It is a necessary stimulus for the development of the research component of the actions of appropriate professionals/scientists in the psychosocial domain of work.*

*The analysis offered here pertains to the practice of psychosocial supportive work, an extremely important component of effective action. The issue of setting a diagnosis is one part of supportive calls and social assessments in the other is crucial for the selection and then the results of applied therapy, or action. In everyday counselling and psychotherapeutic practice, there are increasing cases of misdiagnosing anxiety disorders as depressive, for example. Consequently, medications are prescribed during unnecessarily long, unsuccessful treatments, which also hinders the development of increasingly severe and complex pathologies. Considering this, this work deserves special attention.*

*A series of articles based on research in the field of psycholinguistics regarding the number of negatively connoted words in our local dialects, whose equivalent indications we find in local mentalities, continues in this edition. In an article dedicated to this aspect of the effect of lexical units on the formation of psychological profiles of new generations, a comparison of speech in Đakovo, Ešek, Split, and Lika (St. Roko) continues. The findings are very interesting and encourage further research on an even wider variety of local dialects. There is a need to seek parallels with the corresponding quality of psychosocial functioning of new generations, as well as differences in temperaments and mentalities in various regions of the Republic of Croatia related to speech characteristics.*

*With these interesting and important topics enriched by the broad range of problematization which this Journal is dealing with, engagement of this Journal in the society and scientific community has been enriched. This anniversary edition continues its ongoing efforts to enrich, expand the number of aspects, and deepen the study of the roots of social phenomena in the context of psychosocial areas in the functioning of the population of this and any other society."*