

## Editor's Preface

In the introduction to the last issue of "Journal of Gender and Power" I wrote about the COVID-19 pandemic. Just the pandemic seemed to be a radical turning point in people's understanding of the world and society. I did not think there would be an even more tragic turning point.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine altered our vision of reality and our sense of global community instantaneously. The unbelievable tragedy of the Ukrainian nation is so sudden and unexpected, and the cruel military aggression against Ukrainian women, men and children, against Ukrainian sovereignty and culture is difficult to watch. The whole democratic world, especially Poland, is helping the Ukrainian people in every possible way. Therefore, this issue of the "Journal of Gender and Power" represents the colour of the Ukrainian flag to express our solidarity with the Ukrainian nation.

Of course, we must not forget the ongoing gender issues regarding contemporary societies. The articles included in this volume are devoted to various cultural, social and political issues of gender identity and gender inequality. However, we are sure that people worldwide, both men and women, support the heroic fight of Ukrainian men and women for their freedom.

The western countries have been providing a lot of support to the Ukrainian refugees including women and children since the beginning of the conflict. This is symbolic solidarity between people from different countries, irrespective of gender, political views, religion, education, or income. I sincerely hope that in the time of publishing the next issue of "Journal of Gender and Power", we will live in a peaceful Europe with Ukrainian freedom and independence.

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