Editor's Preface

Every six months, I write an introduction to the new issue of "The Journal of Gender and Power". Furthermore, always my mind is full of various, often contradictory thoughts. I am always "between". Between my orientation on scientific and research diagnosis and a conviction that universities and researchers should be aimed at changing societies and the world, as well as between a "cold look" at reality and emotional insights. Between my constructivist approach and accepting the important role of "hard research". Between theoretical considerations and social practice. And between my inherent enthusiasm and the surrounding human universe – with pandemics, wars, and deep social problems such as homelessness, starvation and unemployment. I am trying to make a balance in the introductory words.

Every issue of "The Journal of Gender and Power" is now in the vacuum of my academic life. My other activity accompanies it; this time, a book which I have written with Aleksandra Boroń, *The Ukrainian women war refugee. Identity, trauma, hope (Ukraińskie uchodźczynie wojenne. Tożsamość, trauma, nadzieja,* Kraków 2022) and various intercultural activities for small Ukrainian children who emigrated with their mothers to Poland, including *The great power in simple words (W zwykłych słowach wielka moc,* Poznań 2022). However, every issue of this magazine aims itself as an essential step on the way to understanding femininity and masculinity in the contemporary world and the identity of people living in different parts of the world.

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