

The Editorial

Dear Readers,

We are pleased to present this Special Issue of our journal *Stosunki Międzynarodowe–International Relations*, prepared in response to the exceptional developments that have shaped the field of International Relations over the past year. Recent events have had a profound impact on European security and the global order, as reflected in the high number and diversity of submissions received.

The influx of articles addressing both the ongoing war in Ukraine and broader political, institutional, and theoretical dynamics has demonstrated that our traditional model of publishing a single annual volume was not sufficient to capture the complexity and urgency of contemporary international affairs. For this reason, we have decided to publish an additional volume this year, a Special Issue that more accurately reflects the richness and timeliness of the analyses submitted.

At the core of this Special Issue is the ongoing war in Ukraine, which continues to serve as a central point of reference for International Relations scholars. The authors explore not only the course of the conflict and its media portrayal, but also its theoretical interpretations. Beyond the war itself, the authors examine topics such as Ukrainian–Belarusian relations between 2014 and 2020, Poland’s foreign policy through the lens of decision-making processes and presidential diplomacy, as well as the broader context of migration policy between the European Union and Morocco.

Together, the articles in this Special Issue offer a multidimensional perspective on contemporary international challenges, combining theoretical, empirical, and institutional insights. We hope they will contribute meaningfully to ongoing debates and inspire further research.