

Programme Committee of the 17th Polish Sociological Congress

“Me, Us, Them? Subjectivity, Identity, Belonging”

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Congress Announcement / Call for Papers

The submission of paper proposals to the thematic groups and panels of the 17th Polish Sociological Congress

The Programme Committee of the 17th Polish Sociological Congress invites everyone to send papers to the thematic groups of the sections of the Polish Sociological Association (PSA) and to the inter-centre ones of the 17th Polish Sociological Congress in Wrocław (PSC). The Congress is going to be convened under the theme: “Me, Us, Them? Subjectivity, Identity, Belonging”.

This theme is all-embracing and its power derives from it being addressed directly to everyone and on many levels. It refers to individuals who are not alone in their everyday relations, and along with others constitute ‘Us’ – yet it should be underlined that the existence of ‘Me’ and ‘Us’ is possible due to distinguishing – real or only imagined – ‘Them’ without whom description of the social world would be incomplete. Moreover, ‘Them’ is necessary to shape, by means of subjectivity, one’s own identity and determine one’s belonging. “Me. Us. Them?” offers a chance for reflection on one’s own position within the community, within social divisions, in the processes of local as well as a global character, in public life, in consumption and preferences for certain values. At the same time, subjectivity, identity, belonging constitute basic sociological categories without which it is hard to imagine carrying out research and analyses today.

On at the **Congress’** website <https://17zjazdpts.uni.wroc.pl/en> in the bookmark “Program” one can find lists and abstracts of thematic groups of the sections of the PSA and of the inter-centre ones. In the English version of the website, the thematic groups to be held in English are listed. Among the groups established you can find the ones of a regular character (composed of individual lectures) as well as irregular ones (where individual papers are replaced with other types of presentation, e.g. panels, round tables, discussions, poster sessions, etc.). Operating languages for groups may be Polish and English.

Bearing in mind a maximum of diversity of opinions presented during plenary sessions, symposiums and thematic groups, the Organization Committee of the 17th PSC has guaranteed in the Congress schedule a special time to the groups submitted by the PSA Sections. These groups are organized by the Sections yet they are open for everybody interested in the problems dealt with by the Sections. Some of these groups are in English as well.

Some more information on the rules of the participation in the congress can be found at: <https://17zjazdpts.uni.wroc.pl/en/participation>

Information on the organization of work of thematic groups

1. Submission to thematic groups (formal requirements)

To submit an abstract, you need to register in the congress management system (Coffee). There are two categories of participants (with a paper – ‘uczestnicy z referatem’ and without a paper – ‘uczestnicy bez referatu’). Please indicate the appropriate one at the beginning of the registration. Applications can be submitted solely by means of online reservation in the Coffee system. Link to the registration can be found at the bottom of the Congress website (or here: <https://systemcoffee.pl/?lang=en&go2rej=1&kid=755>). Each application should include: (1) name, surname and affiliations of the applicant person(s); (2) title of the paper; (3) abstract (250–500

words); (4) key words (3–5). During the registration process, you will need to indicate a thematic group to which you will submit your abstract.

2. Rules of participation in all types of thematic groups

One participant in the Congress may appear in two roles at maximum: (1) as a moderator of the group/symposium/session; (2) as a paper presenter (in an oral, distributed or poster form). The presenters in the thematic groups cannot be recruited from the same research team/institute/faculty/school, etc. Only one of the organizers of the thematic group is allowed to present a paper in the course of his/her own group.

3. Deadline for submitting paper proposals/abstracts to all types of thematic groups is 15 March 2019.

4. Decisions on acceptance of the application: 15 May 2019 (final decision is made by the Congress Programme Committee; preliminary decision is made by the organizers of the thematic groups by 15 April 2019 (in the case of the Groups organized by the PSA Sections – decision is made by organizers in consultation with the Boards of the Sections).