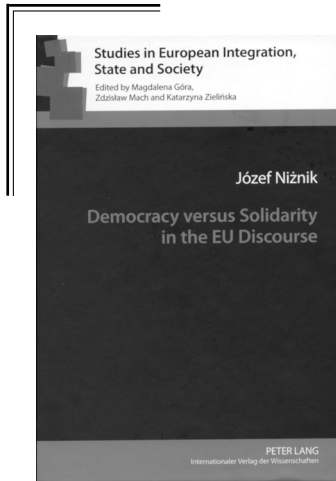


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Józef Niżnik

**Democracy versus Solidarity
in the EU Discourse**

**Frankfurt am Main–Berlin–Bern–Bruxelles–New
York–Oxford–Warszawa–Wien: Peter Lang, 2012,
pp. 125**

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From the Author:

It is hard to find another two concepts which would be more significant in the European integration discourse than “democracy” and “solidarity” and at the same time more ambiguous in the political practice of integration. Currently, European integration discourse is being organized around the concept of democracy. Analyzing European integration discourse the author argues that the situation is quite paradoxical because in order to secure democracy in the EU, European integration discourse must be organized not around the concept of democracy but around the concept of solidarity. The book attempts to show in more details the context of the clash of these fundamental values which serve also as the leading political principles of European integration. Therefore several further concepts and problems have been discussed such as the issue of identity, the concept of citizenship and the problem of nationalism. Since the theoretical framework of the analysis have been built around the idea of discourse the inevitable consequence was to look at some aspects of communication and the links between conceptual and normative development of the European integration.

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**Transgraniczność
w perspektywie socjologicznej
Migracje przymusowe w Europie**

**[Cross-Borderness
in Sociological Perspective
Compulsory Migrations in Europe]**

Edited by Hans-Peter Müller and Maria Zielińska

**Zielona Góra: Lubuskie Towarzystwo Naukowe,
2012, pp. 440**

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From the Editors:

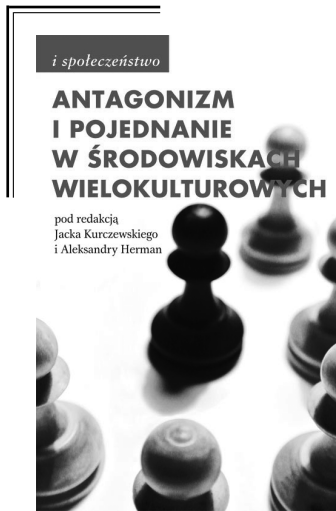
This publication is the eighth volume of a series published under the collective title *Cross-Borderness in the Sociological Perspective*.

The task of the editors has been to conduct an interdisciplinary confrontation between old and new convictions and research on the subject of the different, even opposing, emotional associations connected with the displacements, expulsions, and forced migrations in Poland and Germany.

The new ideas and research have not yet become common knowledge, as could be seen in the emotional debate over the Center against Expulsions. More importantly, they have not entered the set of interpretative and conceptual models. On the one hand, it is a matter of establishing facts, and on the other, it is a matter of the important historico-political interpretation of these facts in the particular, and partially dissimilar, metaphors and symbols of our two nations in the context of our recent common history.

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Antagonizm i pojednanie w środowiskach wielokulturowych

[Antagonism and Reconciliation
in Multicultural Environment]

Edited by Jacek Kurczewski
and Aleksandra Herman

Gdańsk: Słowo/obraz terytoria, 2012, pp. 536

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From the Editors:

Central Europe has been the territory where the 20th century Holocaust and bloody ethnic cleansing on mass scale took place. This was accompanied and followed by forced mass resettlement of people suffering loss of life stability and property. The present state of the antagonisms that led to this suffering had been the subject of research led by Jacek Kurczewski from the University of Warsaw. Scholars from Poland (University of Warsaw, University of Rzeszów, University of Gdańsk, University of Silesia in Katowice), Czech Republic (University of Opava) and Latvia (University of Daugavpils) took part in this project.

The research was done in 2009–2012 with the help of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education in the multicultural communities in Western Ukraine (Drohobycz and Lviv), Eastern Latvia (Daugavpils), Romanian Transilvania (Cluj-Napoca), on Polish-Czech border (Cieszyn, Czech Cieszyn and Goleszów), in the Opole part of Upper Silesia, Catholic-Mariavite Mazovian community of Stryków and close to Polish-Byelorussian border (Drohiczyn). The earlier results of the study were presented at the ad hoc session on the sociology of reconciliation held during the 14th Polish Sociological Congress in Kraków in September 2010, then published in *Socjologia pojednania* [The Sociology of Reconciliation] by Jacek Kurczewski (ed.), Nomos 2012.

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**Peryferie i Pogranicza.
O potrzebie różnorodności**

**[Peripheries and Borderlands—
On the Need for Diversity]**

**Edited by
Bohdan Jałowicki and Sławomir Kaprański**

**Warszawa: Wydawnictwo Naukowe SCHOLAR,
2011, pp. 282.**

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From the Editors:

This book is devoted to peripheries and borderlands, understood literally, as geographically and politically defined space, as well in the metaphorical sense—as areas subject to different cultural influences and the states of mind that accompany them. In contemporary thought, the condition of a borderland—the fluid process of existence between defined spaces, positions or social situations—is becoming increasingly significant. The authors of the articles contained in this work have tried to define the nature of the borderland experience by making use of the sociology of space and memory, of research into the relations between different ethnic and national groups, identities, and various types of minorities, and by reflecting on different manifestations of contemporary culture and media.

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