

Call for papers with an award for the best paper

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Special Issue: *Welfare state and social policies in the CEE region: past developments, present challenges and prospects for the future.*

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Award for the best paper: 400 euro

The peer-reviewed, open access scientific journal *Problemy Polityki Społecznej/Social Policy Issues* invites original paper submissions for a special issue to bring together papers exploring a broad array of research questions related to welfare state and social policies in the CEE region, that may touch upon past developments, present challenges as well as future prospects. By CEE region we mean a large group of countries including Albania, Belarus, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Czechia, Estonia, Hungary, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Ukraine as well as sub-country regions, e.g. east of Germany. We particularly invite papers that discuss the results of empirical studies, but theoretical papers are welcome as well if they bring conceptual novelty.

In this issue we encourage researchers to submit comparative papers, as well as case studies focused on one country/region, related to such areas as (but not limited to):

- post-communist legacy in the transformations of the welfare states;
- the specificity of welfare/care regimes in the region;
- the policy processes behind transformation of social policies (incl. family policy, housing policy, health policy, labour market policy and others);
- the impacts of specific social policies on different aspects of the broadly understood well-being of societies;
- welfare and solidarity attitudes;
- the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on social policies in the region.

Instructions for Authors: Authors interested in submitting a paper for this issue are asked to consult the journal's instructions for authors ([here](#)) and submit their papers through the Journal's editorial system ([here](#)). When submitting the manuscript please add "PPS Best Paper Award application" after the title.

The best paper submitted to this Special Issue that will meet the highest standards for a scientific publication will be awarded a prize of 400 euro.

The Committee that will be responsible for choosing the best paper for the prize will consist of the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal, two other members of the Editorial Board and three members of the International Advisory Board appointed by the Editor-in-Chief. The decision of the committee will be guided by the double-blind peer-reviews received for each paper (minimum two) as well as committee members' own assessment of the quality of the papers. The Committee retains the right not to award the prize in a situation where none of the submitted papers would meet the highest standards for a scientific publication.