

## EDITORIAL

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Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to present you with the first issue of the journal *Studia Territorialia* for 2024.

This issue is the result of the calls for papers that we have issued over the past year. Among other things, you will find here three full-length articles that shed light upon and offer novel perspectives of some politically significant, yet rather understudied aspects of the national histories and transnational relationships of Europe and North America, the regions we cover.

The first article in this issue contributes to the social historiography of Poland and the Holocaust in the period of the Second World War. The paper examines the devastating impact that the Nazi German invasion of Poland in September 1939 had on the inhabitants of Warsaw as the city was besieged for 21 days. Drawing on oral testimony and other archival sources, Eyal Ginsberg provides an in-depth examination of the lives of the city's Jewish children and their experiences of facing the brutal siege and war. He unveils the diverse coping mechanisms and strategies that Jewish children employed in order to survive. These skills would prove essential when the city's defenses eventually collapsed.

The second article deals with the struggle to come to terms with the past in post-unification Germany. In particular, it tells the story of Eisenhüttenstadt, an industrial town built from scratch in the former German Democratic Republic, which was all but devoid of any pre-socialist history. In his account, Stanislav Serhiienko traces the shifting public perceptions and representations of the town's troubled past after the fall of East Germany's socialist dictatorship. He demonstrates how the reframing of the city's past has shaped its post-communist identity.

Finally, the third article is an ecofeminist critique of traditional outdoor sports activities such as mountaineering and rock climbing. Drawing attention to the writings of adventurous athletes from among Indigenous peoples and other marginalized communities in North America, Denisa Krásná seeks to present a decolonialized narrative that promotes a more inclusive and environmentally conscious attitude to outdoor sports.

We wish you a pleasant read, and will look forward to seeing you when we present the next issue of our journal.

On behalf of the editors,

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