Preface

As in the previous issues of the journal, in this issue, scholars from different research fields and countries focus on a variety of subjects and use different critical, theoretical and methodological approaches. They analyze the issues of the scientific discourse on Internet gaming disorder, the relation of the language, ethnic identity and equal opportunities in education, drinking culture and workplace alcohol testing in Lithuanian companies, Lithuanian military officers' professional identity and the functioning of authenticity and algorithmization in the age of globalization.

In his article "Methodological Inertia and Neoliberal Bias in the Scientific Discourse on Internet Gaming Disorder," Benediktas Gelūnas draws on critical psychiatry, theories of neoliberal subjectivity and alternative notions of addiction to interpret the scientific discourse behind the gaming disorder and its meanings.

Kristina Šliavaitė's article "Language, Ethnic Identity and Equal Opportunities in Education: The Perspectives of Schools with Lithuanian, Polish and Russian Language of Instruction in Lithuania" focuses on the relation between language, ethnic identity and equal opportunities in education. The author argues that the perception of bilingualism or multilingualism should be promoted both at the schools with minority languages of instruction and the schools with the state language of instruction.

In their article "Drinking Culture and Results of Workplace Alcohol Testing in Lithuanian Companies," Ilona Tamutienė and Daumantas Stumbrys present the results of the first study based on unique alcohol testing in the workplace database. Their research points to the issue of hangover at a workplace related to the Lithuanian drinking culture that affects productivity and workplace accidents.

In his article "Ambivalent Professional Identity of a Military Officer," Paulius Balsys argues that customarily the profession of a military officer has been associated with heroism, idealism, honor and prestige. However, currently, modern armies affected by organizational changes make military officers resemble ordinary managers or bureaucrats. The conflict of contemporary social and traditional military values influences the ambivalence of military officers' professional identity.

Dávid Kollár's article entitled "Rival Patterns of Standardization: Authenticity and Algorithmization in the Age of Globalization" argues that authenticity and algorithmization are not rival concepts of cultural reproduction. According to the author, effective societies are based on the specific synthesis of standardized order (algorithm) and standardized freedom (authenticity).

The last article of the issue entitled "Intergenerational Support in Self-provision of Housing in Lithuania" analyzes the motives and practices of a family support in the field of self-provision of housing. Rasa Indriliūnaitė argues that the transfer of intergenerational high-quality housing and particularly housing ownership not only represents a transmission of a social and economic status but also reproduces social inequalities within the generation born in 1970–1985.

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