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25 Years of *Ad Americam*

Celebrating a Quarter-Century Journey to Scientific Excellence

This year marks a significant milestone in the life of our journal — its 25th anniversary. A quarter of a century ago, a group of visionary Jagiellonian University scholars laid the foundation for what would become a platform for rigorous scientific inquiry, interdisciplinary dialogue, and academic rigor. From its modest beginnings, the journal has grown into a vibrant forum that reflects the evolving landscape of research and scholarship on America(s).

Over the past 25 years, we have published nearly three hundred peer-reviewed articles that have shaped debates, opened controversies, and inspired new directions in research. Our commitment to editorial integrity, academic rigor, and intellectual diversity has remained steadfast, even as the academic publishing world has undergone profound transformations.

We have witnessed — and embraced — the digital revolution, transitioning from print to open-access formats, expanding our international reach, and fostering greater accessibility. Our editorial board has also

evolved to reflect the international and interdisciplinary nature of our contributors and readers, and we are proud of the collaborative spirit that defines our community.

As we celebrate this anniversary, we also look ahead. The challenges facing science and scholarship today demand thoughtful, evidence-based responses. We reaffirm our mission to serve as a trusted venue for such work, and we invite our readers, authors, and reviewers to continue shaping the journal's future. In this context, our mission shines brighter than ever: to provide a rigorous, evidence-based forum for scholarly inquiry that addresses today's complex issues.

We are grateful to the employees of the Institute of American Studies and Polish Diaspora (where *Ad Americam* originated) for paying tribute to the journal by contributing to this issue. Additionally, the greatly appreciated essays written by scholars from various academic institutions and collected in the VARIA part serve as a proof of *Ad Americam's* academic expansion.

We also would like to express our gratitude to Professor Andrzej Mania – journal's founding father and honorary Editor-in-Chief – for his staunch support.

To all who have contributed to our endeavor over the years – editors, reviewers, authors, and readers – we extend our profound gratitude. Together, we look forward to the next 25 years of fostering knowledge, engagement, and scholarly excellence. Here's to the next years of discovery, dialogue, and impact. Please do raise a glass when you can to celebrate this journey!

The Editorial Team