

This Special Issue of *Intercultural Relations* has three main ambitions:

1) to enhance a scientific discussion among experienced researchers on the omnipresent problems that are encountered in the fieldwork, especially in the current context of global change caused by unrest and uncertainty;

2) to provide a useful reference for young scholars trying to do their research in compliance with the approved academic standards and at the same time seeing these standards' limitations;

3) to provide evidence that the stiff methodological paradigm imposed on researchers of social sciences and humanities inhibits the proper description, analysis and understanding of phenomena and processes shaping the first decades of the 21st century.

