

EDITORIAL PREFACE

First of all, I would like to greet the readers of *Hungarian Journal of Disability Studies & Special Education (Fogyatékoság és Társadalom)*. As the new Editor-in-Chief of this prestigious journal, I would like to thank the great work of the founding Editors-in-Chief, in particular Prof. György Könczei. He had a vision of this journal, the first scientific paper in Hungary which focused on the complex, inter- and multidisciplinary field of social sciences and disability studies. Prof. Könczei built a journal which is nationally and internationally recognized, and which is one of the leading journals of disability studies in Central and Eastern Europe. Not only a prestigious journal, but a scientific community has been built by Prof. Könczei, a community, which is linked by the *Hungarian Journal of Disability Studies & Special Education*.

We also owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. Ilona Hernádi, who, as former Editor-in-Chief, ensured that visual culture was present alongside scientific content. Therefore, the new Editor-in-Chief has a difficult and an easy task ahead at the same time. The task is easy, because a rocksolid foundation has been built by the Editors-in-Chief: they created an internationally recognized journal, drawn a wide range of authors and valuable articles. But this task is still a very difficult one, because it is a complex challenge to meet the high standards set by my predecessors.

Therefore, my main goal as the new Editor-in-Chief is to maintain continuity and develop the journal. Disability studies are complex, critical multi- and interdisciplinary social sciences. Thus, this polemic nature should be maintained: our articles will critically examine the current phenomena of our societies through the lens of the persons with disabilities. Therefore, the journal will remain inclusive. We would like to follow the principle of “nothing about us without us”, therefore, we will also present the results on participatory research. The journal will remain a multi- and interdisciplinary one; the phenomena of disability and society will be examined by different approaches: by the approach of pedagogical sciences, sociology, psychology, medical sciences, political sciences, economics, jurisprudence, etc. – by the complex approach specific to disability studies.

The main goal of the Editorial Board is to develop the journal: we would like to be a forum for researchers of disability studies, not only from Hungary, but from all around the world. The foundations have been built, now there is a task to build the whole house.

This mission is mirrored by the current number: it is a result of complex research; there are articles based on sociology and economics, psychology and pedagogy, sociology and legal sociology, the multidisciplinary approach of the critical disability studies and even administrative sciences. This issue is a special one, because it

shows the collaboration of the most important workshops of disability studies in Hungary.

Therefore, I hope the readers will find interesting, thought-provoking articles and important scientific findings in this issue, and they will agree that although our journal is changing, like our societies, but we follow our basic values and traditions.

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