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## Introduction

This volume has been compiled on the occasion of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the English Department, University of Silesia. We present herein a selection of articles written by the senior scholars working in the Institute of English and the Institute of English Cultures and Literatures. All the texts have been previously published by the University of Silesia Press and present different areas of research and expertise developed over forty years. The volume consists of two parts: articles in the area of language studies (Part 1) and texts on literature and culture (Part 2). Some of the authors are no longer with us but their contribution to the development of the department and research are still remembered and appreciated. Some of us have made our academic careers working in the department from the very beginning, while others joined it at a later time when it was already an established research and educational institution, to continue the tradition of research and didactics developed by its founders, Prof. Kazimierz Polański and Prof. Janusz Arabski.

We hope that the present volume will make for interesting reading, demonstrating how our research interests have evolved over the forty years of existence of both institutes, the Institute of English and the Institute of English Cultures and Literatures, which constitute the English Department of the University of Silesia.

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