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“City. Remembrance and Future” No. 1 (2016) The creation of Wrocław self-government annual has been inspired by the 25th anniversary of the first democratic elections, celebrated in May. The editors and Scientific Council assigned authors with the task of summarizing the quarter of the century and the question about the prospects of the city’s future development.

The anniversary is mentioned in the preface by both the Chairman of the Municipal Council, Dr Jacek Ossowicz, and by the Chairman of the Scientific Council, Prof Grzegorz Strauhold.

The Editor-in-chief Katarzyna Uczkiewicz, in the article opening the scientific section of the volume, entitled “The city we dream of”, draws attention to changes in the meaning of the concept of “city” itself, which have taken place in the thinking of Wrocław’s citizens during the past 25 years—in the context of political, cultural, economic and spatial changes, and also the openness to the influence of Western thought and practice of city management.

Prof. Jacek Purchla in the article entitled “What areas? Dilemmas around the birth of Kraków self-government of 1989–1991” discusses the structural reform of Kraków in the 1990s, referring to his experience as the Vice President of the city. His reflection forms a valuable historical context for the discussion of planned changes to Wrocław’s government structure.

Edward Czapiewski and Rafał Nowakowski recapitulate the 25-year period of self-government in relation to the administrative division of the city in their article titled “Around the administrative divisions and the debate on the reform of community councils”. The authors focus on changes in the status of the city and its administrative units in the Communist era and later.

Łukasz Medeksza in the article entitled “Towards the Venice of the new Middle Ages. Wrocław between the foresight and strategy” presents city strategies emerging in the years 2015-2016, namely “Wrocław 2030 Strategy” created under the guidance of Prof. Andrzej Łoś, and “Social Foresight Wrocław 2036/2056” implemented as a part of European Capital of Culture Wrocław 2016.

Artur Łysoń in his article “The act on metropolitan unions. An effective instrument

of development or an obsolete legislation” focuses on legal aspects of building metropolises and metropolitan unions. relationships. He looks not only into the drafted act, but also into a number of other legal acts and strategic documents programming the promotion of urban areas in Poland.

Away from Wrocław and the city area goes Agnieszka Pawłowska, analyzing the issue of landscape protection as a cultural component in her article “Culture park as a form of protection of cultural heritage. The experience of the Lower Silesia’s communes”. She analyzes here the theory and practice of “culture parks” set up recently in Poland by comparison to the solutions adopted in Wrocław.

Bartłomiej Świerczewski in the article entitled “Wrocław Civic Budget: present and future” describes in depth first years of Wrocław Civic Budget. He ponders over the impact of this instrument upon the activation of residents of the city and the increase of their involvement in the public life and self-government.

In the essay titled “The unfinished strategy. Innovation and the future language of Wrocław development policy” Maciej Litwin paints visions of the potential development of Wrocław in the context of “managing the future”, referring in particular to the achievements of American thought.

The section “Conversations” contains three interviews with the members of Wrocław municipal council. Bogdan Aniszczyk, who has been the member of the council since 1990, recalls the pioneering years of self-government and then compares the contemporaneous management and planning of the city with today’s solutions.

The interview being a sort of a counterweight is the one with Magdalena Razik-Trziszka, one of the youngest members of Wrocław municipal council, for whom 2014-2018 term of office is the first one.

Marek Mutor, the Director of the Remembrance and Future Centre and the former member of Wrocław municipal council in 2002-2008, talks about the project of community council reform he co-authored in 2008.

The last section of the annual contains the work timetable of the present municipal council of Wrocław.