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## English Abstracts

### **Gabriel Troc: „Beyond the Blocks of Flats” – Nowadays Working Neighborhoods**

The author presents through the lens of a participant observer the specific of a working neighborhood from Cluj, its current changes and everyday life. Troc explains the modification of self-images and outside representations of the neighborhood through the processes of internal social differentiation.

### **Roman Džambazovič–Martina Jurásková: Poverty and Social Exclusion of the Roma from Slovakia**

Roman Džambazovič and Martina Jurásková analyze, on the basis of empirical research, the mechanisms of social exclusion affecting the Roma from Slovakia. Their study intends to answer the question: which factors lead to the social exclusion of the Roma? The conclusion asserts that, besides the impact of the negative effects of marketisation, the majoritarian society is responsible as well for their situation of multiple disadvantage.

### **Geambașu Réka: Social Policy in Romania during the Transition to Market Economy**

The study reflects upon the conceptualization and meaning of social policy, investigating the social policies during socialist regimes and the transition period, especially in regard with the particularities of the Romanian context and its structural constraints.

### **Pásztor Gyöngyi: A Place without a Name – The Emerging Slums in one of the transit zones from Cluj**

Pásztor Gyöngyi's up-to-date empirical study poses questions only seldom encountered in the sociological literature from Romania: How did slums emerge in Cluj? To what extent can be used the concept of „slum”, rooted in the Anglo-Saxon literature, with reference to those urban processes in our region that lead to the spacial segregation of the poor?

### **Raț Cristina: Distancing Closeness or Fading Distance? Interactions between welfare workers and socio-economically deprived persons**

The encounters between welfare workers, representing the mainstream society, and their clients from the marginalized strata take place at the crossroads of considerably different patterns of social positioning. Whether sharing the space of interaction and engaging in joint action leads to the accentuation or the fading of the social distance between actors constitutes the starting question of the inquiry.

### **Péter László: Impoverishment and Segregation in a Small Industrial Town**

The author presents the processes of impoverishment going on in a small industrial town, trying to answer the question: how did the spatial and social rupture of the community occur? The problem is analyzed in regard with the socialist and post-socialist contexts. The study is based on fieldwork carried out by using anthropological methods.