Abstract:
The introduction describes the Polish Panel Survey (POLPAN), on which all articles in this issue are based. POLPAN is a survey among a random (probability) sample of the adult population in Poland interviewed in 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, and 2008. Most of the articles use all five waves of the survey or contrast the 1988 wave with the 2008 wave. The substantive articles in this issue deal with structural constraints, the gender gap in voting behavior, and the psychology of social inequality. The introduction ends with comments on the accessibility of the data from the Polish Panel Survey, POLPAN 1988-2008, for future analyses.