Abstract:
Like the introduction to the spring 2012 issue of the International Journal of Sociology, this introduction describes the Polish Panel Survey (POLPAN) on which the articles presented here 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. The substantive articles in this issue of the journal deal with the influence of heterogeneity on intergroup relations, stability and change in religiosity, dynamics of occupational careers, patterns of employment, and perceived unemployment. Most of the analyses include sociodemographic differentiation in a dynamic perspective. The introduction ends with comments on the accessibility of the data from POLPAN 1988-2008 for future analyses.