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IJURR editor's talk with Joanna Kusiak

Voices and power: On writing diversity into excellence, in English



At IJURR as well as in other urban studies journals, we're still lacking authors and research from 'peripheral' regions. Shall we shift more resources to include geopolitically underprivileged scholars into our existing model of excellence, or shall we forge new models of excellence out of our diversity? I argue for both. Written in the circular, personal-political style typical for the Polish intellectual tradition, my essay (esej) critiques the dominance of the Anglo-American format of a 'Research Article' in the globalised but segregated academia. While English, despite its colonial heritage, remains precious as our most common language, we need to work together – native and foreign writers – to expand the range of legitimate authorial styles so that it matches the real diversity of our research and thinking.

