

“IF I HAVE SEEN FURTHER, IT IS BY STANDING
ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS”
(ISAAC NEWTON, 1676)

When I was walking along the corridors of the Warsaw School of Economics several years ago, hoping to become its student soon, I saw a number of photos presenting the history of our school. On some of them I could see Professor Janina Józwiak, who as the then Rector of the Warsaw School of Economics invited and hosted people having significant influence on the lives of people in Poland and all over the world. I felt then that I was looking at a remote and inaccessible world and that my life and the lives of all people surrounding me – the students – were totally different, separate realities.

A while later, after passing the entrance exams, I began my life in that “separate reality”, marked with studying, exams and looking for my own way in life after graduation. Throughout all that time, Professor Józwiak accompanied me as a teacher, examiner, mentor, advisor and guide. As time passed by, I realized that the inaccessible person from the photos was, in fact, a good spirit of our School, much more present than we could imagine. I also realized that not only prominent persons were invited and hosted at the Warsaw School of Economics by Professor Józwiak, but also many of us, to exert positive influence on the lives of societies in Poland and all over the world through scientific work.

Dear Professor Józwiak! Thanks to you, people like myself and many other scientists can look further and see more. Thank you very much for everything you did for us, for all moments and thoughts we shared with you!

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