

From the Editor

The present contents makes Volume XXV of “*Studia Maritima*” slightly different from the previous ones. Part one features articles on issues which have so far been characteristically discussed in “*Studia Maritima*”. However, part two presents research findings of PhD students who come from two Baltic universities – in Szczecin and in Greifswald – but represent several Baltic states: Poland, Germany, Lithuania, Latvia, Russia and Belarus.

The articles deal with the performance of research projects conducted in the two aforementioned universities. Chronologically, they consider almost one thousand years of the history of Prussia/Germany, Scandinavia, Central and Eastern Europe, and also Great Britain thus covering a big part of the Baltic Sea region and some of the North Sea area. The scope of the topics discussed by the young researchers is impressive; in a knowledgeable way they deal with the spheres of economics and social life, ideology and political thought, and the history of ecclesiastical institutions. They do not refrain from discussing aspects of culture and art, or attempting to look at the history of Polish-German relations from the point of view national historiographies in contemporary history and the cooperation between historians and archives and archivists.

The editor believes that the presented articles are not only interesting examples of study but also point the new possible direction of research of the young generation of historians.