

## “The People’s History of Poland”: A Review Forum

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Recent months brought an unprecedented wave of works dealing with the history of Polish peasants, their place in “national” history, role they played in the economic development of Poland and far reaching violence they experienced, not without a trace for cultural formations lasting till today. Books by Kamil Janicki, Adam Leszczyński, Michał Narożniak, Kacper Pobłocki, Michał Rauszer and Keely Stater-Halsted have irreversibly changed our perception of the peasant past and the way the history of Poland is researched and grasped (Janicki 2021; Leszczyński 2020; Narożniak 2021; Pobłocki 2021; Rauszer 2021b; 2021a). This debate is important for the self-perception of the national community, and as serving such aims is conducted mostly in Polish. As the idea of bridging the debates in the national language and international circulation of ideas is dear for this journal, we initiated a review forum connecting these two realms in various ways. Taking one of these books, Adam Leszczyński’s *Ludowa historia Polski* (“The People’s History of Poland”), as a starting point, we invited scholars from Poland and abroad, and the author himself, to comment on the book and debate its relevance in broader contexts. We publish the forum in English to provide insight in the debate as well for the global community interested in history of peasants, of the region or in the state of historiographical debate in Poland.