The 5th Doctoral Conference “Young scientists at the University. The areas of research and academic passions” in Poznan was held on the 6th of December 2019. The Conference is a follow-up to the last year edition organised in December as well. It is an event without any doubts that have been held regularly at Faculty of Educational Studies Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan. It brings all the doctoral students in the field of education to discuss the role of young scientists and their role at the University. The main aim of the meeting is to share ideas of a doctoral thesis which are conducted at the educational faculty. The Conference would not be such well organised if not the doctoral students and scientific committee of academic teachers working together on that. The event was also organised under the patronage of the pedagogical committee of the Polish Academy of Sciences. The participants were warmly welcomed in the building of the Faculty of Educational Studies.

The Conference was officially opened with welcoming addresses from the Vice-rector who is in charge of the Social Studies University School of AMU Prof. Zbyszko Melosik, the Chief of the Social Studies Doctoral School AMU Prof. AMU Jakub Isański, the Dean of the Faculty of Educational Studies Prof. Agnieszka Cybal-Michalska as well as the Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Educational Studies Prof. Agnieszka Gromkowska-Melosik. Their delivered brilliant opening speeches to the participants in the first module of the meeting. The keynote speaker was Prof. Amadeusz Krause with his speech about paradigm as a scientific tool for critical analysis. After this part, there was some time for a coffee break. On the same day, two more breakout sessions were organised in different settings.

After the break, the second session started with eight speakers, all doctoral students. The session started with the speech of Beata Iwankicka who presented her speech about
problems with research dedicated to people with hearing disabilities from the young scientist’s perspective. The next one, Agnieszka Nymś-Góra talked about a diagnosis of needs for people with physical disabilities in isolation prison. Anna Sobczak as the next person talked about a parentocracy and social as well as social success. Marlena Kaźmierska talked about the myths connected with the public and medical sphere of the endometriosis. Magdalena Biela, from the other hand, presented the perspective of motherhood and women’s readiness to change while being in the penitentiary. Next, Anna Wojewoda followed her with another speech about the educational function of the exhibition of games and children’s activities in Dynasy in the year 1902. Alicja Ławiak delivered a speech about a psychosocial specific period of juvenility. Agnieszka Barwicka, the last one in this session talked about the modern challenges of the integrated class.

Next session, which started after short tea-break was opened with a speech from Jakub Adamczewski. He presented a short story about the Finnish educational system from the young scientist’s perspective. The next speaker, Agnieszka Kruszwicka explained what can we learn from the concept of city-based learning. Later on, Aleksandra Karoń, explained the myths and stereotypes about gender in science. Żaneta Garbacik, this year doctoral student talked about the employee perspective in terms of occupational stress. From the other hand, Justyna Mrozek spoke about her doctoral thesis about upbringing in American hippy communities. Emilia Wieczorek presented her speech about the Polish school in Athens and its problems. Next one, Daria Szykowna described the situation of high functioning girls and women with autism and their sexuality. Daria Wróna, the next speaker explained cosplay and modern youth identity connected with that. Later, Maciej Zychowicz presented his research on using social media by the seniors. Kamil Wnuk did the interactive presentation of his thoughts on cultural education from the young scientist’s perspective. After him, Michalina Kasprzak, already a PhD talked about her doctoral research on the creative potential of the child based on examples from Poland and Spain. Last but not least, Elwira Litaszewska talked about designing your career based on the design thinking method.

The 5th Doctoral Conference finished with the farewell speech of Agnieszka Gromkowska-Melosik together with a small but exciting raffle. After that, all the participants and academic lecturers gathered together to sing carols and Christmas songs while having the official festive dinner. The event, again very successful will leave unforgettable memories about well-prepared speeches for a long time. To sum up, I cannot wait until the next year to meet and discuss the matter that we all dealing with as educators and doctoral students in one.