**Mieczyslaw Sprengel Article in Kultura i Edukacja**

I have read an article published in Kultura i Edukacja Journal entitled "Rola wiedzy i rzadu australijskiego w spoleczenstwie wielokulturowym w Australii" written by Mieczylaw Sprengel (2008, nr 3(67)) -

<http://www.kultura-i-edukacja.pl/internalfiles/file/archiwum/34/KiE_2008_3.pdf> .

I write to express my disappointment that your journal has published an article of such a low quality.  The article shows total lack of understanding of Australia's tertiary education system and does not deal with its multicultural dimension as implied in the title of the article. In particular, its "Zakonczenie" contains total nonsense.

Further, the article asserts that: "W Australii nie ma szczegolnie wybijajacych sie Universytetow w randze swiatowej..."  The author must have adopted a very high standard to make this statement.  According to the Academic Rankiung of World Universitiesw 2012 ( see: <http://www>.shanghairanking.com/Country2012Main.jsp?param=Australia )  top Australian universities rank in the world as follows:

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| **Country Rank** | **Institution** | **World Rank** |
| 1 | [University of Melbourne](http://www.shanghairanking.com/Institution.jsp?param=University%20of%20Melbourne" \t "_blank) | 57 |
| 2 | [The Australian National University](http://www.shanghairanking.com/Institution.jsp?param=The%20Australian%20National%20University" \t "_blank) | 64 |
| 3 | [The University of Queensland](http://www.shanghairanking.com/Institution.jsp?param=The%20University%20of%20Queensland" \t "_blank) | 90 |
| 4 | [University of Sydney](http://www.shanghairanking.com/Institution.jsp?param=University%20of%20Sydney" \t "_blank) | 93 |
| 5 | [The University of Western Australia](http://www.shanghairanking.com/Institution.jsp?param=The%20University%20of%20Western%20Australia" \t "_blank) | 96 |
| 6-7 | [Monash University](http://www.shanghairanking.com/Institution.jsp?param=Monash%20University" \t "_blank) | 101-150 |
| 6-7 | [University of New South Wales](http://www.shanghairanking.com/Institution.jsp?param=University%20of%20New%20South%20Wales" \t "_blank) | 101-150 |

By comparison the two top Polish universities are ranked:

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| **Country Rank** | **Institution** | **World Rank** |
| 1-2 | [Jagiellonian University](http://www.shanghairanking.com/Institution.jsp?param=Jagiellonian%20University" \t "_blank) | 301-400 |
| 1-2 | [University of Warsaw](http://www.shanghairanking.com/Institution.jsp?param=University%20of%20Warsaw" \t "_blank) | 301-400 |

It is regrettable that Dr Sprengel - a former priest and now UAM academic and an Australian citizen - did not put more effort to understand better Australia and its educational system. Perhaps it would be good that he will apply a bit higher standard to his writings about Australia.