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This issue of the Journal of Solution Focused Practices (JSFP) contains a good mix of articles. We have a case study about [using SF with autism in the primary school classroom](#) alongside a new conceptual piece from Nick Drury, who questions the conventional wisdom that politics should be kept outside the SF therapy room using [the metaphor of a Daruma doll](#). We have an [interview with leading members of the biggest Polish SF association](#) (well over 1000 members!) about how they've managed to get to that point. Our research team present their selection of SF articles published elsewhere in the latest [Pick of the \(Other\) Papers](#).

Our [book review section](#) continues to report on the latest SF book appearing on the scene. There are nine book reviews in this issue, from micro-analysis to self-help, stammering to coaching. We were particularly pleased to cover [John J Murphy's Solution Focused Therapy](#), the 26th volume in the esteemed American Psychological Association series *Theories of Psychotherapy* – a great step towards making Solution Focused Therapy (SFT) more known and accepted in the therapeutic field. We were also delighted to welcome positive psychology pioneer Robert Biswas-Diener to join the book review team.

The future of JSFP looks bright. There are getting on for a dozen articles in various states of peer review and revision, some of which will appear in the next issue. We can only publish what's submitted to the journal so please consider sending us your articles. The stream of new SF books continues to flow. Our international sponsors are stepping up with their financial support for this year which allows us to continue to operate as open-source, free-to-read and free-to-publish. Thank you to [them, our editors, editorial board members](#) and (anonymous) peer-reviewers.

We bid a fond farewell this time to Alex Ashida who has been our journal manager since early 2023. Alex has recently married and wants to focus on her own Green Tree Therapy. She was instrumental in setting up the journal as an association in the UK and getting our bank account operational. Thank you, Alex! The search is on for a new journal manager from the UK (due to the need to be a signatory on our bank account) – if that might be you, please contact [journal operations chair Andrew Gibson](#). Alex will continue

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Finally, the colours for this issue reflect Steve de Shazer's first book, *Patterns of Brief Family Therapy* (1982). We look forward to featuring other books in this way in coming issues.

Mark McKergow, editor, June 2025

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