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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Here is the new issue of the Faculty Bulletin, the first one in 2023. The beginning of this year was vastly focused on the war in Ukraine, the related forecasts concerning new distribution of power in the world, including considerations of the role of Poland. These events, along with the historic visit of the President of the USA Joe Biden in Warsaw were the point of scientific and research interests for many employees of our Faculty, in almost all disciplines we're involved in. This translated to interesting research initiatives (e.g. those concerning humanitarian aid), expert publications (e.g. analyses concerning the role of our part of Europe and likely consequences of the war), expert presentations at diverse debates and in mass media (e.g. talking about religious aspects of the Russian invasion of Ukraine). From 14 March, the hall of the building 21 (Institute of International Studies) displays the exhibition "Posters of the time of martial law" – you are welcome to see it.



Our active contribution shows how important social sciences are now in the context of understanding the world and shaping the future of European societies. We all hope for the war to end, but I'm also happy that we do not forget our responsibilities as members of the world of science, that we keep attempting to explain social and political changes underway "here and now", and to present reliable research results for future generations.

In the Bulletin, you will also find information about other interesting initiatives our staff participate in, projects and research themes, latest publications, notices on upcoming events and reasons to celebrate for the Faculty's community. We are proud that the renowned and recognised scholar, educator of several generations of students, and colleague many of us like and respect, prof. em. dr hab. Andrzej Antoszewski obtained the honoris causa doctorate at the University of Opole, thus becoming the second representative of our Faculty holding this honourable title (in 2016 prof. dr hab. Teresa Łoś-Nowak was awarded the honoris causa doctorate at the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin). We are also proud that dr hab. Adam Mrozowski, prof. UWrocław was distinguished as the only sociologist from Poland with nomination to the scholarship of the Polish-American Fulbright Commission.

And we have more good news. Just when we were closing this issue of the Bulletin, we received the official confirmation that the Minister of Education and Science awarded the University of Wrocław with scientific category A in the discipline of philosophy! Congratulations to the Institute of Philosophy and Scientific Discipline Board in Philosophy. I join in all thanks expressed by professor Ilona Błocian and professor Maciej Manikowski on p. 4.

You are welcome to read the Bulletin, thank you for your contribution in co-creation of this issue and I invite you to continued cooperation.

Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences
prof. dr hab. Robert Alberski

Prof. em. dr hab. Andrzej Antoszewski awarded the honoris causa doctorate at the University of Opole!

The title of *Doctor Honoris Causa* of the University of Opole was officially presented to prof. em. dr hab. Andrzej Antoszewski on 10 March, during the celebration of the University Day.

Prof. dr hab. **Andrzej Antoszewski** is a known and recognised political scientist, author of several hundred scientific works. He received multiple awards for his scientific work, including for lifetime achievement (2011). His scientific interests focused on political systems of the Central and Eastern Europe, practical functioning of political parties and models of democracy. He was the director of the Institute of Political Science (1996-1999) and head of the Department of Political Systems.



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Andrzej Antoszewski



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The award was officially presented on 10 March



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Prof. Antoszewski received congratulations on the Day of the University of Opole

Donations for Turkey – thank you for your involvement!

The Faculty of Social Sciences collected items for citizens of Turkey affected by the earthquakes.

The collection point was co-organised by the Embassy of Turkey in Warsaw. – *Many students of our Faculty come from Turkey or have family and friends there. We can't be indifferent at the time of their tragedy and that's why we wanted to help, at least to a small degree* – highlights the Vice-Dean for International Cooperation, dr hab. **Magdalena Ratajczak**, prof. UWr. The urgent needs included blankets, sleeping bags, tents. The Faculty's community responded actively to the appeals for help for citizens of Turkey and we managed to collect several dozen of the most important items. Through the Embassy of Turkey in Warsaw, they will be delivered to the victims of the earthquakes.

The organisers are very grateful to employees, Ph.D. students and students of the Faculty for their help.



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The items were collected in the hall of the Institute of International Studies



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Employees and students of the Faculty took active part in the initiative

Philosophy gets category A! CONGRATULATIONS!

The Minister of Education and Sciences awarded the scientific category A to the University of Wrocław in the discipline of philosophy, thus changing the prior decision awarding category B+ to philosophy. The new decision was based on our University's filing for reconsideration of the decision.

Ladies and Gentlemen!

By way of a decision of the Minister of Education and Science no. 5/102/2022-1 of 23.02.2023, the scientific discipline of philosophy at the University of Wrocław at the Faculty of Social Sciences was awarded category A. The decision was preceded by an appeal filed by the Chairman of the Board of the Scientific Discipline of Philosophy, prof. dr hab. **Maciej Manikowski**. Most issues discussed in the grounds for appeal were verified positively and reconsidered in the new decision of the Minister.

For all of us, members of the discipline of philosophy working at the Institute of Philosophy and Chair of Logic and Methodology of Science, this decision recognises our effort in areas related to the evaluation, it brings a lot of satisfaction and simply joy.

On behalf of the Presidium of the Discipline Board we want to thank all members of the discipline of philosophy for their effort, for responding to the challenge we faced and for their hard work. We also want to thank all those who helped us on the way, especially prof. **Adam Mrozowski** and dr **Piotr Pieńkowski** of the Institute of Sociology for cooperation, friendliness and team spirit – this was a great support at the beginning of our joint effort.

THANK YOU very much!

On behalf of the Presidium of the Board of the Scientific Discipline of Philosophy
Chairperson of the Board, prof. dr hab. **Maciej Manikowski**
Deputy Chairperson of the Board, dr hab **Ilona Błocian**, prof UWr



New majors at the Institute of Philosophy

The Institute of Philosophy is at the final stage of development and implementation of two new majors to be launched in the academic year of 2023/2024. These are *Ethics* in Polish and *Culture, Thought and Humanity* in English. Both are offered at the 1st and 2nd cycle, *Ethics* also as part-time studies.

The studies in *Ethics* are designed for people interested in working as teachers, commission members and other experts. The curriculum at bachelor studies includes a review of historic concepts related to ethics, including also the Polish thought, introduction to bioethics, courses concerning methodology, logic and sociology, as well as an elective bloc of courses in psychology and pedagogy, preparing for teaching professions. The curriculum of the 2nd-cycle studies offers courses in ontology and epistemology of ethics, axiology and deontology, in-depth study of bioethics, as well as courses concerning particular ethical problems (especially the modern ones). An elective bloc of courses preparing for teaching includes courses in didactics and professional internship. Completion of the 1st- and 2nd-cycle studies including the elective pedagogic blocs at both levels ensures acquisition of the permit to teach.

The objective of the English-language major in *Culture, Thought and Humanity* is to provide advanced knowledge about philosophical concepts and their impact on the process of culture shaping and about application of those concepts in dialogue between cultures. Thus acquired education may be useful at work at institutions associated with education, media and art, as well as non-governmental organisations operating at the interface of cultures. The curriculum is interdisciplinary. The 1st-cycle studies include courses concerning particular stages of the European civilisation, philosophy of culture, aesthetics, ethics and axiology, psychology, as well as social and political issues. The 2nd-cycle studies offer in-depth analysis of issues concerning culture (including American traditions, psychology and sociology of culture), philosophy of symbols, modern aesthetics (including new media), philosophy of politics (including social and political myths and imaginaria), as well as studies of memory.

Posters of the time of martial law

On 14 March there was an opening of the exhibition titled "Posters of the time of martial law". It is displayed in the hall of the Institute of International Studies.



Special guests and organisers at the ceremony of 14 March

The exhibition was officially opened by prof. dr hab. **Olha Lukovska**, art director of the Lviv Art Palace and lecturer at the Ukrainian Academy of Printing in Lviv, who curated the exhibition, prof. dr hab. **Wojciech Pukocz**, Rector of E. Geppert Academy of Fine Arts in Wrocław, **Jurii Tokar**, Consul General of Ukraine in Wrocław, as well as the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, prof. dr hab. **Robert Alberski** and Director of the Institute of International Studies, prof. dr hab. **Krzysztof Kociubiński**.

The exhibition "Posters of the time of martial law" is a follow-up of the big international project «**Posters against war**» including artists from 10 countries, which had been inaugurated on 19 January in Wrocław at the NEON Gallery of E. Geppert Academy of Fine Arts.

The organisers want to thank the Municipality of Wrocław, the company Personel Servis and the authorities of the Faculty of Social Sciences and the Institute of International Studies for supporting this initiative.



Posters are displayed in the hall of the Institute of International Studies

About the war in Ukraine – discussing, writing, studying

On 23 February, there was a seminar "One year of Russia's aggression against Ukraine – consequences for Ukraine, Poland and the world", organised by the Polish Association for European Studies. Among the delivered lectures there was one by dr **Jakub Bornio** of the Chair of European Studies titled "Poland as a new geopolitical pole in the Central and Eastern Europe?" Earlier dr Bornio, invited by Link Campus University in Rome, participated in a roundtable discussion concerning the **role of Central and Eastern European states in the European Union during the war in Ukraine**.

As an analyst for the American think-tank the Jamestown Foundation, dr Bornio prepared a publication concerning **events in Przewodów near the Ukrainian border** where an explosion was caused by operations of the Ukrainian missile defence system S-300.

The Institute of Migrant Rights published a guide on cultural differences between Poles and Ukrainians. Among the authors, there were dr hab. **Kamilla Dolińska**, dr hab. **Julita Makaro**, prof. UWr and mgr **Karol Korczyński**.

"**SOR-WAR Project. Resilience of the social order during the war in Ukraine. Ukrainian and Polish experience**" is an intervention NAWA grant implemented at the Institute of Sociology, led by prof. dr hab. **Mateusz Błaszczuk**. The team includes also dr **Piotr Pieńkowski** and mgr **Małgorzata Felińska**.

Humanitarian aid and the empowerment of Ukrainians coming to the V4 countries - good practices – this is the title of a research project implemented by four political scientists within the International Visegrad Fund (more about the project – p. 13). **The situation of Ukrainians in Wrocław** is also studied within two interesting projects implemented at the Institute of Sociology by interdepartmental research teams – you can learn more about them on p. 14.

Humanitarian consequences of the war in Ukraine and significance of international help

On 12 December there was a meeting held with Walerij Filippow, advisor to the Ukrainian ombudsman.

The guest from Kyiv delivered a lecture on consequences of the war in Ukraine and significance of providing humanitarian aid. After the meeting, there was a discussion with staff and students of the Faculty of Social Sciences. The meeting was organised by the Department of Eastern Studies of the Institute of International Studies and Centre for Prognostic Research on Religious Changes operating within the Institute of Philosophy.



Walerij Filippow, Larysa Leszczenko, Robert Alberski during the meeting

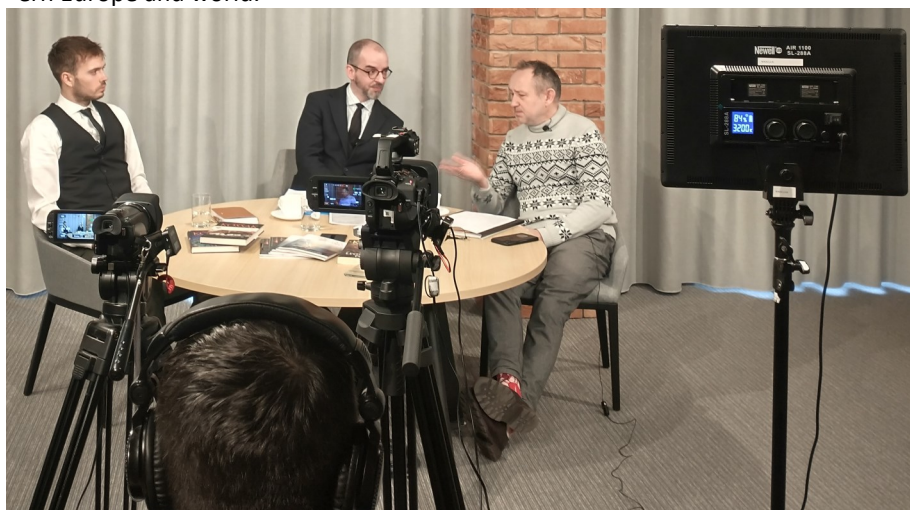
On civilisational place of Russia and anniversary of the war

Two debates “Civilisational place of Russia” and “One year of the war in Ukraine” launched a cycle of discussions “Light and shade – on politics and societies in the modern world”.

The meetings are an effect of a new cooperation between the Chair of European Studies and Civitas Christiana. The objective of this cooperation is to organise debates on major social, political, philosophical issues in the modern Europe and world.

With somewhat relaxed style of these “meetings over coffee”, they are designed to reach non-academic audience, interested in specialist debates and appreciating extensive argumentation.

The inaugural meeting was attended by representatives of the Chair of European Studies dr hab. **Piotr Grabowiec** and dr **Jakub Bornio**, as well as dr **Paweł Wróblewski** of the Institute of Philosophy. The debates are available on the YouTube channel.



Talking politics over coffee (left to right:) Jakub Bornio, Paweł Wróblewski, Piotr Grabowiec

Let's talk about the war

Dr **Paweł Wróblewski** of the Institute of Philosophy took part in a scientific seminar “Social consequences of Russia's invasion against Ukraine”, where he spoke about **religious aspects of Russia's invasion against Ukraine and their impact on regional security**. The meeting was held on 19 January at the Senate Hall of the University of Wrocław and it was organised within cooperation of Doctrine and Training Centre of the Polish Armed Forces, University of Wrocław and General Tadeusz Kościuszko Military University of Land Forces.

Dr **Michał Piekarski** of the Institute of International Studies was hosted by the Regional Centre for International Debate in Rzeszów. Talking to **Adam Poręba**, he addressed the question on **what chances and challenges the Polish army faces in the context of the Russian-Ukrainian military conflict**. Dr Piekarski is also the author of the expert report titled “Rozbudowa liczebności Sił Zbrojnych Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej. Możliwości i uwarunkowania”, published by the Chancellery of the Senate.

On 27 February, the Eastern-European Science Club of International Relations organised a scientific debate “Anniversary of Russia's invasion in Ukraine – genesis, course, perspectives”. The meeting was attended by dr hab. **Larysa Leszczenko**, prof. UW, dr **Tomasz Szyszlak** and dr **Michał Piekarski** of the Institute of International Studies.

Erasmus for Ukraine

In the winter term of 2022/2023, the Institute of International Studies hosted five students from Ivan Franko National University of Lviv and Vasyl' Stus Donetsk National University in Vinnytsia within the Erasmus for Ukraine programme.



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Political system: theories, analyses, arenas

This was the subject of the conference of the Department of Political and Administrative Systems of the Institute of Political Science, held on 1 March.

The event was a double celebration: firstly, the 50th anniversary of the department, and secondly, a chance to officially thank the long-active head of the Department – prof. em. dr hab. **Andrzej Antoszewski**, who had retired during the wave of pandemic.

During the conference, attended by representatives of departments and chairs of political systems from all over Poland, we discussed such subjects as political systems, democracy, representation crisis, voting behaviour, populism and extremism. The event was opened by the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, who is also the head of the Department of Political and Administrative Systems, prof. dr hab. **Robert Alberski**, director of the Institute of Political Science dr hab. **Dariusz Skrzypiński**, prof. UWr (on the first photo on the right), and the conference head dr hab. **Przemysław Żukiewicz**, prof. UWr.

The opening lecture titled “Traitors or smart guys? Inter-party transfers of MPs in the context of the theory of democracy” was delivered by prof. em. dr hab. **Andrzej Antoszewski**. There was also a discussion about Wrocław school of political systems and what makes it different from other political system schools in Poland.



fot. Paweł Piotrowski/UWr

The Department was congratulated by its peers, including the community of Faculty of Political Science and International Studies of the University of Warsaw. The congratulations were received by prof. dr hab. Robert Alberski (on the left)



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Conference participants during the discussion

The meeting was also a moment of premiere of the memorial monograph for professor Andrzej Antoszewski. The publication was edited by prof. dr hab. **Robert Alberski** and dr hab. **Przemysław Żukiewicz**, prof. UWr

The book can be downloaded from the repository of the University of Wrocław

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“Belarus and Poland: overcoming the difficult neighbourhood”



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On 9 December, there was a seminar titled “Belarus and Poland: overcoming the difficult neighbourhood” within the 18th International Round Table organised by the Department of Eastern Studies. The first Polish-Belarusian table, gathering scientists from the Faculty of International Relations of the Belarusian State University and Institute of International Studies of the University of Wrocław, was held in 2004. In the current times of crisis caused by the Russian aggression against Ukraine, gradual degradation of the authoritarian regime in Belarus, the Belarusian scientists in exile and Polish researchers of international relations decided to restore the interrupted tradition of regular scientific meetings.

On the role of special forces in modern armed conflicts

On 6 December, there was a lecture by the former commander of GROM Military Unit in 2011-2016, reserve colonel Piotr Gąstał

The meeting “The role of special forces in modern armed conflicts” was held within the cycle of meetings organised by the Institute of International Studies, under the general concept of “Let’s talk about Poland’s security”. The meetings are devoted to key questions significant for shaping security of our country.



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Seminar in Tartu

On 14-17 February, dr Jarosław Stróżyk was at the Baltic Defence College in Tartu (Estonia).

There, he held a seminar about modern threats to Poland and Baltic states. Among the audience, there were officers of armed forces of member states of NATO, as well as Georgia and Ukraine. The seminar was a part of Higher Defence Studies.



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Analytical workshops

Dr Jacek Burski and dr hab. Adam Mrozowicki, prof. UWr of the Institute of Sociology took part in two meetings within the “Analytic Workshops of the World of Labour” cycle. The first meeting was devoted to biographical interviews with employees of a nursing home in a big city in Poland. The interviews were a part of a bigger collection within the project funded by the National Centre for Science within OPUS programme and titled “COV-WORK: Social and economic awareness, experience of work and coping strategies of Poles in the context of the post-pandemic crisis”.

The other meeting concerned materials gathered by dr Olga Czeranowska of INS SWPS, who implemented the project titled “Professional gender minorities. Analysis of the situation of women in masculine professions and men in feminine professions” (funded with statutory research funding at the Institute of Social Sciences, SWPS).

Meeting of the COV-WORK research project team

Dr Jacek Burski, dr hab. Adam Mrozowicki, prof. UWr, mgr Szymon Pilch, dr Agata Krasowska, dr Mateusz Karolak, dr Aleksandra Drabina-Różewicz, mgr Alicja Pałęcka (SGH), prof. Juliusz Gardawski (SGH), dr Jan Czarzasty (SGH) spent a couple of days at a seminar of the research team in the NCN OPUS project titled “COV-WORK: Social and economic awareness, experience of work and coping strategies of Poles in the context of the post-pandemic crisis”. The project seminar focused on summarising the project’s progress so far.

Expert conference

On 3 March, there was the first expert conference within the project “First aid as a challenge for security”. The event is meant for management staff and faculty of the University of Wrocław and Military University of Land Forces in Wrocław.

Competition of Knowledge about Poland and the Modern World

On 28 January, at the Institute of Political Science, there was the regional contest of the 64th Competition of Knowledge about Poland and the Modern World.



64th Competition of Knowledge about Poland and the Modern World

In the first part, participants faced written tasks, then they took part in workshops and visited the archive of documents of political life. When the written tasks were verified, a group of participants were qualified for the oral part of the regional competition. Upon both the written and oral part, our region will be represented in the third stage of the competition by six students. The participants who qualified for the central contest will compete for entry to almost all universities in Poland, opening a path to majoring in various social sciences and humanities.

Knowing – Applying – Participating

The "Project Academia" Association initiated publication of the manual "Wiem – Stosuję – Partycypuję: Materiały edukacyjne dla uczniów, rodziców, opiekunów i nauczycieli".



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opiekunów i nauczycieli
www.projektakademia.org

The initiative is meant for young people and other members of the society, who wish to expand their knowledge on democracy and participation in public life. The manual was authored by **Krzysztof Kociubiński** of the Institute of International Studies and **Elżbieta Kocowska-Siekierka**.

The Association is a group of scientists related to the University of Wrocław and other scientific units in Poland, and its objective is to promote academic knowledge among broad audience.



Erasmus + with the Institute of Philosophy

The Institute of Philosophy signed two new bilateral Erasmus+ agreements with German universities: **Universität Greifswald** and **Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel**.

The cooperation involves exchange of students, Ph.D. students and academic staff (in the area of philosophy and ethics) between the universities, internships and short-term mobility.

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XXXV Philosophy Competition

On 18 and 25 February, the Institute of Philosophy hosted the written part of the district stage of the XXXV Philosophy Competition. This competition, meant for secondary-school students, is organised by the Polish Philosophical Society. The secretary of the Lower Silesian District Committee of the Philosophy Competition is Chairman of the Wrocław branch of the Society, dr **Andrzej Lorczyk** of the Institute of Philosophy.

Meetings with youth

Dr hab. **Marcin Szydzisz** started cooperation with Instytut Piastów Śląskich, a non-governmental organisation specialising in education concerning science, culture and economy.

The cooperation resulted in meetings with young students of Lower Silesian schools. The meeting on 17 November at I Secondary School in Dzierżoniów included a lecture and workshops focused on tolerance. Participants of the meeting heard a lecture about evolution of the concept of tolerance and took part in a discussion concerning perception of this phenomenon in Poland. On 15 December at the Culture Centre in Polkowice, there was a lecture focused on the Jewish community in Poland. The lecture was associated with presentation of the film "Orlęta, Grodno '39".

Guest lecturers

On 6 December, professor **Augustinas Dainys** (Vytautas Magnus University, Vilnius) delivered two guest lectures at the Institute of Philosophy of the University of Wrocław: "M. Heidegger and the introduction of topological model to philosophy" and "L. Wittgenstein as the pedagogical thinker". The visit was organised within Erasmus +.

On 8 December, there was an open lecture delivered by dr **Richard Arnold** of Muskingum University, USA. The lecture concerned the Cossack movement in modern Russia. In the winter term of 2022/2023 dr Arnold was a Fulbright Program scholar and he spent his research residency at the Institute of International Studies.

On 9 December, there was a meeting with **Richard Zensen**, M.A. – scholar from the Catholic University Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, who delivered a lecture concerning the question of regional identity in Bavaria.

Programme for Development of New Scientific Teams at the Faculty

The programme funds four research themes

Research theme: "Environmental communication in the context of global threats"

The research will cover the period of 2020-2022. That was a time of global threats which contributed to disturbance of the international order and forced so-called content "**pump-valves**" into the global discourse (Entman & Usher, 2018). These could have significant effect on perception of climate change and measures taken by political actors before 2020.

The scholars will attempt to answer the question how the COVID-19 pandemic and war in Ukraine affected communication about environmental and climate issues? Was (is) it a time of intensified international actions for green transformation or a time of negligence?

The research team will diagnose:

- what subjects and problems associated with the climate crisis were referred to by political actors, media and celebrities;
- whether the question of security was highlighted in environmental communication of the studied entities, and if yes, what type of security;
- whether media communication and activities of the analysed political actors (including EU, NATO, UNO, Russian Federation) support the scientific message or interrupt it;
- what role is played by scientists specialising in climate change, how they perceive themselves as a source of information, what barriers and restrictions they encounter.

The analysis axis will involve content published in **English-language internet** and **Russian-language internet (RuNet)**.

The project includes tasks within four scientific disciplines: political science and administration (study of the processes of politicisation of environmental issues), social communication and media (study of media communication), security sciences (analysis of media communication and actions by political actors concerning presence of issues related to information and environmental security) and sociology (especially considering sociology of science – study of scientists' activities).

The team members are prof. **Marcelina Zuber** of the Institute of Sociology, dr **Julia Trzcińska** of the Institute of Political Science and mgr **Otylia Bieniek** of the UWr Doctoral School (Doctoral College in Security Science). The project leader is dr **Bartłomiej Łódzki** of the Institute of International Studies.

Research theme: "Young people in Poland vs. clientelism and democratic values"

The objective of the research will be to analyse attitudes of young people in Poland in relation to clientelist practices. Understanding the attitudes of high-school students (last year of high school education) in this area will allow the researchers to answer the question concerning sociodemographic profile and attitudes of a part of the Polish society which can be described as *sincere*. This will be a chance to study people who will soon participate in elections for the first time in their lives.

The research will answer the following questions:

- does the level of satisfaction with functioning of democracy in Poland affect perception of clientelist practices among high-school students in Poland?
- does the level of education and knowledge of political processes and consequences of voting decisions affect attitude to clientelist practices?
- is attitude to clientelist practices correlated with a specific pattern of media consumption?
- does high level of social capital among young people translate to their attitude to clientelist practices?

The above questions imply four related **hypotheses**:

H1: People who are satisfied with functioning of democracy are less prone to approve of clientelist practices;

H2: People of broader knowledge on political processes are less prone to approve of clientelist practices;

H3: Consumers of public media in Poland are more prone to approve of clientelist practices;

H4: People involved in non-profit activity for their environment (on the local level or in communities they belong to) are less prone to approve of clientelist practices.

The team wants to verify the hypotheses by a survey on a representative group of students aged 18-19 in Lubuskie and Podkarpackie voivodeships. Those voivodeships were chosen due to differences in electoral preferences in those regions – Podkarpackie has the highest share of supporters of Law and Justice (PiS), while Lubuskie is one of the regions where representatives of the Civic Platform (PO) gain relatively higher support than in the case of voivodeships in eastern Poland.

The team members are: dr hab. **Piotr Sula** - team leader, dr **Kamil Błaszczyński**, dr **Michał Kuś** (Institute of Political Science) and dr **Grzegorz Kozdraś** (Institute of Sociology). The theme covered by the research projects exceeds theoretical and methodological framework of individual scientific disciplines, and this is why the team includes representatives of political science and administration, sociology and social communication and media science.

Programme for Development of New Scientific Teams at the Faculty

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Research theme: "Democratic strategies with respect to political challenges of the era of sudden changes of the planetary (eco)system"

Like no other challenge of the modern world, climate change combines a range of problems related to the social and political organisation of the world and societies on one hand, and the philosophical and ideological aspect of its justifications and criticism on the other. The recent decades witnessed a confrontation of two strategies of democratisation of decision-making processes: the agonistic perspective based on conflict and hegemonic fight vs. the deliberative perspective associated with rational consensus. In reality, those seemingly contradictory tendencies are frequently reflected in a single entity or activity, and one of the most prominent examples of the recent years involves the most popular one among the new climate movements *Extinction Rebellion*. On one hand, XR activists oppose corrupt elites, while on the other – they demand organisation of deliberative climate panels. The impact of this movement can be seen in the European Union's climate programmes referring to *collaborative governance*, placing deliberatively developed climate contracts at the core of the transformation. Thus generated tensions give us a chance to analyse the theory and practice of various forms of democratic politics, but also to explore mutual relations and potential synergies of those paradigms – searching for new forms of democratic response to consequences of the climate crises.

By creating an interdisciplinary research team covering a range of themes from philosophical considerations to theory of politics to empirical study of societies, discourses and political systems, we focus on three objectives: **integration**, that is mutual exploration of our research areas and specialisations in order to commence cooperation and to apply one another's research in their analysis and interpretation; **synergy** in mutual inspiration to discover and fill new research gaps in the subjects we explore; and **implementation** by striking international cooperation, development of grant applications, as well as encouraging scientific discussion about the Anthropocene in the entire scientific community of the Faculty. And even though this objective is listed last, it is not the least important! The research team's work shall involve organisation of open seminars, cyclical *reading groups*, and in a longer perspective, also development of a proposition of elective courses or course packages. We realise that the significance of Anthropocene – its politics and political nature – will only grow. Our Faculty should be a leading in understanding of these problems and preparing future generations to cope with the upcoming challenges.

This is the purpose of establishment of the Team Researching the Political Nature of the Anthropocene, including: **Anna Cichecka** (Institute of Sociology), **Katarzyna Domagała** (Institute of Political Science), **Urszula Lisowska** (Institute of Philosophy), **Karol Morawski** (Institute of Philosophy), **Julia Trzcińska** (Institute of Political Science), **Wojciech Ufel** (Institute of Political Science), and **Mateusz Zieliński** (Institute of Political Science).

Research theme: "Resonance, resilience, reconfiguration. Strategies of social movements in Poland after 2015"

The research theme will involve analysis of activities and strategies of social movements in view of changes occurring in their environment. Movements act as resonance, forming and operating in response to changes that happen around them. These are reactions to changes in the global environment, as well as the national and local ones. Some of the changes are unfavourable for movements, forcing them to apply resilience resources to ensure survival of the movement or the movement organisation. Both the negative changes and occurrence of new possibilities require reconfiguration of movement's strategies.

Referring to Bruno Latour's concept, the team will analyse social movements in diverse categories: movements focused on human rights (e.g. pro-minority movements), balance between man and nature (e.g. environmental movements) and technology-machine (e.g. denialist movements).

The research theme will include monitoring of media and publications related to selected movements, analysis of the political opportunities structure, as well as interviews with representatives of selected social movement organisations. The collected data will be presented at scientific conferences, published in scientific journals, and also used to develop a report with practical recommendations for social movement organisations.

The research theme will be implemented in 2022-2023.

The members of the interdisciplinary team are: dr hab. **Marzena Cichosz** (Institute of Political Science), dr **Katarzyna Kobielska** (Institute of Political Science), dr **Alicja Lisowska** (Institute of Political Science), dr **Bartłomiej Łódzki** (Institute of International Studies), dr **Iwona Macek** (Institute of Political Science), dr **Małgorzata Madej** (Institute of Political Science), dr hab. **Magdalena Mikołajczyk** (Institute of Political Science), dr **Jacek Pluta** (Institute of Sociology), dr hab. **Elżbieta Szyszlak**, prof. UWr (Institute of International Studies).

An interesting research idea and a good team are the components of a successful grant application

With dr hab. Elżbieta Opiłowska, prof. UWr of the Institute of Sociology, we discuss the latest research projects, their objectives and impact on the environment, and the secret of how to succeed in applying for grants.

- January 2023 marked commencement of implementation of one of the two big international research projects you coordinate. What is the project "Life strategies of Young Migrants in Ageing Societies" about?

- With the LYMAS project we want to answer several research questions, including what is the significance of living in aging societies for young people in Europe. Our objective is to understand better how the issue of living in an aging society affects life plans, choice of the career path, intergenerational relations and keeping a household by young migrants. We will hold biographical interviews, we will collect digital diaries and there will be a documentary made. However, we want to look at the question of aging societies not only from the point of view of young migrants, but we also intend to study local, regional, national and European policies – how they support young people in Europe, how they reduce negative consequences of the aging of European societies. The project will also involve a comparative analysis of Poland, Germany, Switzerland, Italy and Austria.

- What is the research plan for the team at the Institute of Sociology?

The Wrocław team, including dr Mateusz Karolak, dr hab. Iwona Taranowicz, prof. UWr, and student Anna Shostak, will focus on migrants from Ukraine in Lower Silesia. We manage the group responsible for narrative biographical interviews and development of the documentary, but we also participate in other activities, involving document analysis, expert interviews and comparative analysis.

On 16-17 March 2023, there is the first project meeting in Innsbruck, where we will discuss the detailed action plan.

- The other project, "Borders Shaping Perceptions of European Societies" concerns studying borders. What is its objective?

- The objective of the research in this project is to analyse the impact of borders on perceiving Europe and European integration by inhabitants of borderlands. Observing current crises – growing populism, Covid-19, humanitarian crisis at the Polish-Belarusian border, war in Ukraine, we can see intensification of re-bordering processes. We assume that borders play a key role in shaping images of culture, heritage and sense of attachment. The project focuses on the bottom-up perspective, analysing perception of borders and Europe by inhabitants of the borderlands – national minorities, Euro-sceptics, but also representations of borders and the European project in the environment and cultural heritage.

- How the research results may affect the European society's attitude to borders?

- We plan that the research results may contribute to reconfiguration of the cultural heritage policy replacing the dominant national approach with trans-border, European attitude to the heritage, offering citizens and actors in the area of politics, economy and culture a possibility to shape a more inclusive vision of culture and values.



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Elżbieta Opiłowska

"Poland and Germany in the European Union – new forms and models of bilateral relations in foreign policies and trans-border cooperation", "Multi-dimensional dynamics of bilateral relations – Poland and Germany in the European Union", "Resilience of trans-border cooperation in Europe – comparative analysis of the Polish-German and German-French borderlands", "(De/Re)constructing borders – narratives and imagination about divided towns in Central Europe, a comparative perspective" – these are just a few other research projects you were involved in. What do you see as a recipe for a successful grant application?

That's true, recently I have been lucky in my grant applications. I think that an interesting idea and a good research team are what matters. For example, the B-SHAPES project team, working at a HORIZON-funded project includes people who met during the Covid-19 pandemic online once a month for a year to discuss various manuscripts related to studying borders and borderlands. At one of the meetings we decided to make it a more formal group, we thought of applying for a grant from the European Commission and we succeeded. Managing projects, especially their administration takes a lot of time and work, but individually we are not able to organise such broad research in multiple countries. That's why I think that an integrated team is the most important.

LYMAS Project

Title: Life strategies of Young Labour Migrants in Ageing Societies

Source of funding: Volkswagen Foundation, call for proposals "Challenges and Potentials for Europe: The Greying Continent"

Project leader: Deutsches Zentrum für Integrations- und Migrationsforschung (DeZIM), Berlin

Partners: Universität Neuchâtel, Switzerland, MCI Die Unternehmerische Hochschule, Austria

Team at the Institute of Sociology: dr hab. Elżbieta Opiłowska, prof. UWr, dr Mateusz Karolak, dr hab. Iwona Taranowicz, prof. UWr, Anna Shostak (intern at the project)

Term of the project: 01.01.2023-31.12.2025 (36 months), **budget:** 1,198,000 EUR

B-SHAPES Project (within the HORIZON-CL2-2022-HERITAGE-01)

Title: Borders Shaping Perceptions of European Societies

Source of funding: European Commission - European Research Executive Agency

Partners: Syddansk University, Sønderborg (DK) (coordinator), Brunel University London (UK), European Academy Bozen (IT), Oulu University (FI), Eötvös Loránd University Budapest (HU), Halmstad University (SE), Technical University of Liberec (CZ), i Université de Strasbourg (FR)

Cooperating partners: National Museum of History (BG), Association of European Border Regions (DE), European Network Remembrance and Solidarity Foundation (PL), Kreatus Consultancy (PL) and Lungomare Art Collective (IT) Team at the Institute of Sociology/ Centre for Regional and Borderlands Studies: dr hab. Elżbieta Opiłowska, prof. UWr, dr Łukasz Moll and Ph.D. students employed upon a competition

Term of the project: 01.04.2023-31.03.2026, **budget:** 3 million EUR

Humanitarian aid and the empowerment of Ukrainians coming to the V4 countries - good practices

How to help refugees from Ukraine? Wisely, in a well-considered and organised manner so as to satisfy their needs, but also keep them empowered, but how? Which solutions should be spread? Answering these questions is the objective of the research project implemented by researchers from the Institute of Political Science.

In March, the Institute of Political Science launched implementation of another project co-funded by governments of Czechia, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia through Visegrad Grants of the International Visegrad Fund (IVF). The project titled "Humanitarian aid and the empowerment of Ukrainians coming to the V4 countries – good practices" focuses on analysing good practices of helping Ukrainian refugees who stay in Visegrad Group states because of the war in Ukraine.

*- The number of people in need of humanitarian help because of the war in Ukraine is unprecedented in the history of Visegrad Group states. The current system of helping refugees was not sufficient and extraordinary measures were necessary. The objective of the project is to identify, describe and select the best practices of humanitarian aid organisations along with measures to empower refugees from Ukraine implemented after 24 February 2022, as well as to analyse possibilities of their implementation in further activities for refugees from Ukraine and other migrants coming into Visegrad Group states – explains dr hab. **Dorota Moroń**, prof. UW of the Institute of Political Science.*

The project is managed by dr hab. **Dorota Moroń**, prof. UW, and other members of the research team are: dr hab. **Agnieszka Makarewicz**, dr **Małgorzata Madej** and dr **Marlena Piotrowska** along with representatives of: University of Debrecen, Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica, University of West Bohemia in Plzeň and Ivan Franko National University of Lviv.



Małgorzata Madej, Marlena Piotrowska, Dorota Moroń, Agnieszka Makarewicz

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A major element of the project is to involve students and Ph.D. students in the research – at the Institute of Political Science this component will be implemented within the course of "Humanitarian aid for refugees from Ukraine", elective programme for a group of 2nd-year students of the 2nd-cycle studies in Management of Social Projects, held by dr hab. **Dorota Moroń**, prof. UW and dr **Marlena Piotrowska**.

The project "Humanitarian aid and the empowerment of Ukrainians coming to the V4 countries - good practices" is co-funded by the governments of Czechia, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia within the International Visegrad Fund (IVF). The Fund's mission is to support sustainable regional cooperation in Central Europe.

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Ukrainians as new inhabitants of Wrocław

The situation of Ukrainian inhabitants of Wrocław is studied within two interesting projects implemented at the Institute of Sociology by inter-department research teams.

The first project, *Violence patterns in Ukrainian families and their anchoring in axiological and normative structures of the Ukrainian population incoming to Wrocław due to the armed conflict with the Russian Federation* is implemented based on the framework agreement with the Municipality of Wrocław (Municipal Social Welfare Centre in Wrocław). Its objective is to compare patterns of home violence and axiological and normative structures in various sociological categories: women - men, Poles - Ukrainians, social welfare centre's clients - people outside the social welfare system.

The other project *Conditions and quality of life in Wrocław – new inhabitants of the city*, is implemented in partnership with the Municipality of Wrocław and Edukacja Krytyczna Association. The objective of the study is to diagnose short- and long-term plans, to analyse needs and conditions of life stabilisation for migrants and development of municipal programmes promoting inclusion of the new inhabitants into the life of the community – considering especially Ukrainian migrants.



Julita Makaro

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The projects are implemented within the **United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)** based on the Memorandum of Understanding between UNICEF and the Municipality of Wrocław, as well as Letters of exchange for the provision of support related to emergency refugee response in Wrocław.

The former project is co-implemented by: dr hab. **Julita Makaro**, prof. UWr (Principal Investigator) and dr hab. **Kamilla Dolińska** of the Department of the Sociology of Borderland, dr hab. **Ewa Banaszak** and dr **Paweł Czajkowski** of the Department of the Sociology of Gender and Family and dr **Paweł Trojanowski** of the Department of Urban and Rural Sociology; within the latter dr hab. **Kamilla Dolińska** (Principal Investigator) and dr hab. **Julita Makaro** (Principal Investigator) cooperate with dr **Jacek Pluta** of the Department of the Sociology of Culture and Civilization.



Kamilla Dolińska

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"Preliminary research grants – internal grants" (IDUB)

Six researchers from the Faculty of Social Sciences obtained funding in the third edition of the "Preliminary research grants – internal grants" programme at the University of Wrocław:

- dr hab. **Aldona Wiktorska-Święcka**, prof. UWr (Chair of European Studies), "Towards energy-just cities in Europe. Utopia or a strategy?",
- dr hab. **Maciej Bachryj-Krzywaźnia** (Chair of European Studies), "The theory of concept metaphors as a tool in analysing political discourse within the paradigm of interpretationism",
- dr hab. **Michał Jacuński**, prof. UWr (Institute of Political Science), "Political actors vs. digitalisation of internal and external environment",
- dr **Julia Trzcińska** (Institute of Political Science), "Efficiency of application of soft power by the Republic of Korea in Poland. The case of Polish K-Pop fans",
- dr hab. **Jarosław Jarząbek** (Institute of International Studies), "Oil-driven wars. Impact of changing prices of energy resources on states' military power",
- dr hab. **Irena Wolska-Zogata** (Institute of Sociology), "Social Construction of Obesity in Social Media".

Gender aspects of refugeehood

Gender aspects of refugeehood in internal and external migrations. The case of Wrocław and Lviv – is the title of the research project implemented by dr hab. **Marcin Dębicki**, prof. UWr and dr hab. **Julita Makaro**, prof. UWr, both of the Institute of Sociology. The studies are focused on recognition of key factors in taking a decision to become a refugee, the journey, adaptation to living in Wrocław and plans for future. The project is implemented in partnership with Ivan Franko National University of Lviv.

Participation in the COST research network

Dr hab. **Adam Mrozowicki**, prof. UWr and mgr **Szymon Pilch** (Institute of Sociology) take part in the **COST research network**: CA21118 - Platform WorkInclusionLiving Lab (P-WILL), focused on work performed via internet platforms. They joined two working groups which concentrate on working documents concerning theoretical framework of the project and identification of strategies of mobilisation of platform employees.

Recommended readings in PHILOSOPHY

The question of intellectual cognition in Henri Bergson's philosophy

Marek Derewiecki Publishing House published the book by dr Elżbieta Walerich "Trwanie i utrwalanie. Problem poznania intelektualnego w filozofii Henriego Bergsona".

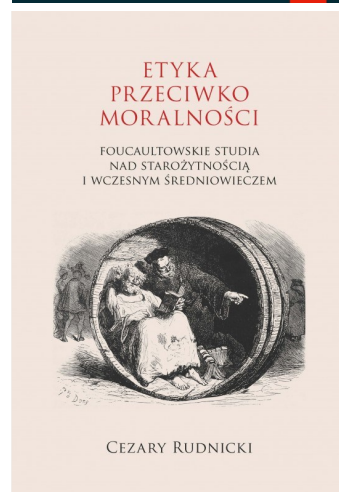
"In my work (...) I focus on analysing key categories for intellectual cognition: intellect, duration, space and other patterns in acting and remembering. While the two former categories are purely intellectual, the ontic status of space and duration in Bergson's theory gradually evolves. As it changes, there is a transformation of the meaning and scope of intellectual cognition, and especially - scientific knowledge. The term "duration" is also applied in the original theory of human self and then memory. The form of memory function further affects immensely the sensual cognition of the external world" - wrote the author in the Conclusion.



Ethics against morality

"Tyniec" Publishing House published the book by dr Cezary Rudnicki (Department of Modern Philosophy) titled "Etyka przeciwko moralności. Foucaultowskie studia nad starożytnością i wczesnym średniowieczem".

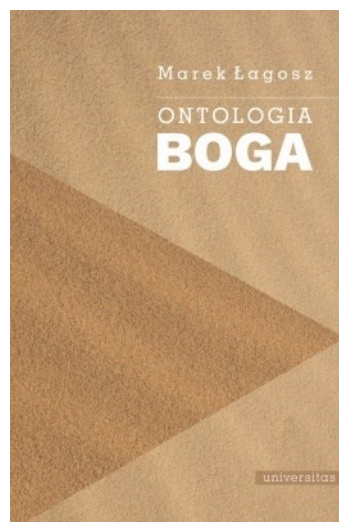
"Ethics, or practical philosophy, was born in the classic period in Greece. It is not morality – a collection of rules people are obliged to follow in their actions, or a theory of morality. Ethics represents rather *techné tou biou* (the art of living): a complex and multi-dimensional practice of one's own subjectivity, one's own form of existence. This book contains not only a reconstruction of the structure of thus defined ethics, but also a description of processes that led to its transformation into morality that we know until now. The starting point of the presented discussion refers to a series of lectures by Michel Foucault presented at Collège de France" – says the book description.



The ontology of God

Universitas Publishing House published the book by profesor Marek Łagosz (Department of Ontology and Philosophy of Nature), "Ontologia Boga".

"In ontology, the question of absoluteness of being is key. The issue of God's nature and God's relation to non-god transcendence (especially human transcendence) is thus clearly visible – even as a counterbalance of the materialistic solution. (...) The above considerations – despite chronic lack of conclusion and dramatic uncertainty of God's nature – brings a knowledge of the world and human confronted with the Absolute and the Infinite. Because even despite the sceptic suspicion that the above discussion does not provide infallible knowledge of God and brings little conclusion, one may state that it at least brings some order to certain areas of ontological thinking about the real world in its relation to the Godly absolute" – the book description reads.

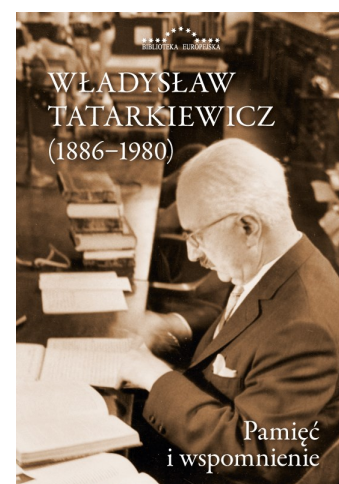


Władysław Tatarkiewicz. Memory and remembering

"Marek Derewiecki" Publishing House published the book "Władysław Tatarkiewicz (1886-1980). Pamięć i wspomnienie" edited by Radosław Kuliniak, Mariusz Pandura, Łukasz Ratajczak and Jan Jakub Ratajczak.

The main content of the book, preceded by a broad almanac, includes an edition of previously unknown letters from the period of WWII, poems and seven other shorter works of prose by Władysław Tatarkiewicz. The publication contains also memories by Elżbieta Skrzyńska, Janina and Marek Suchozewski, Jan Jakub Tatarkiewicz and Andrzej Biernacki. The book presents 168 unique archival photos, too.

The publication was developed within research at Ingarden Research Centre at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Wrocław, led by prof. dr hab. Radosław Kuliniak.



Anna Umińska-Woroniecka

Zagraniczna polityka kulturalna Czech, Polski, Słowacji i Węgier po 1989 roku



Foreign cultural policies

The objective of the book was to present the cultural foreign policy of the Central European countries cooperating within the regional Visegrad Group. The book discusses the role played by culture in the process of shaping and implementing objectives of foreign policies of the analysed countries. The book itself is focused on solving the research problem reflected in the question: why and how do Visegrad states include the cultural factor in their foreign policy strategies?

The essence of this research problem is about the attempt to identify the function of culture in states' external activities. In other words, the research process was aimed to determine, whether the cultural foreign policy of the analysed states was a component of their foreign policy focused on the same main objectives and implementing or even shaping them, or was culture only a means or instrument of foreign policies. The major strength of this first attempt at so vast analysis of cultural foreign policies of the four countries lies in the Author's above-average skills of in-depth analysis and synthetic presentation of this temporally and materially immense subject and of expressing mature conclusions and assessments.

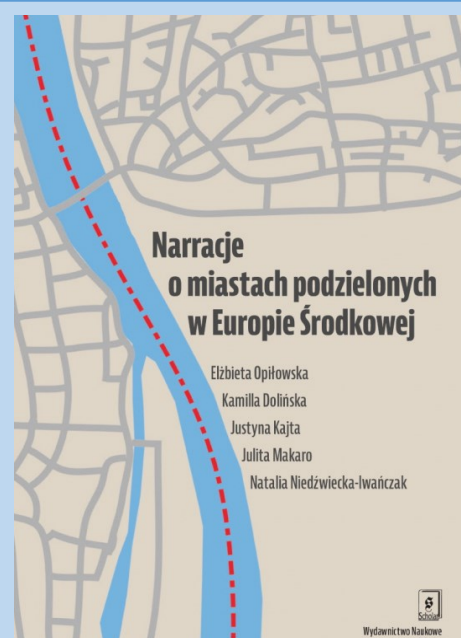
Narratives of divided towns in Central Europe

The book is a result of the research project **(De/Re) constructing borders – narratives and imagination about divided towns in Central Europe, a comparative perspective**, implemented in 2018-2023 by the research team of the Centre for Regional and Borderlands Studies at the Institute of Sociology and funded with an NCN-OPUS grant.

The objective of the book was to analyse the narratives and imaginations shaped by residents of two divided towns at the Polish-German and Polish-Czech border and reconstruction of narratives present in the towns' space.

Fragment of the review by dr hab. Dariusz Wojakowski, prof. AGH:

With both the quality of data and diligence of analysis, this publication presents a nuanced image of life in divided towns. There are identity images born in these areas, shaped by diverse rules of social, as well as territorial proximity and distance, similarities and differences of living and cultural conditions experienced in direct territorial neighbourhood.



Łukasz Połuszny **ORGANIZACJE TOTALNE** teoria i praktyki

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Total organisations. Theory and practices

'I have just published my book, *Organizacje totalne. Teoria i praktyki* - writes dr **Łukasz Połuszny** of the Institute of Sociology. - It will help you learn about the bright and dark sides of Erving Goffman's concept of total institutions, and it will provide you with cues how to think about total organisations nowadays to understand and study them better. In my work, I reconstruct and develop the theoretical aspect of the concept, presenting it in its historic context and reflecting on the role of total organisations and totalisation in modern times. The book is the first of its type and I tried to make it reader-friendly and accessible, because I hope it will put the knowledge in order, assisting all those involved in studying total organisations and working with them.'

Fragment of the review by prof. Anna Matuchniak-Mystkowska:

The book by Łukasz Połuszny is an excellent sociological study (...). Its content is fascinating for sociologists, political scientists, historians and anybody interested in dilemmas of modernity.

If you want to discuss politics... go to Magdalena

Magdalena is a small town in Poland, very well-known to all researchers of social sciences and humanities. For over a decade now, it is also the name of the seminar room no. 113 at the Institute of Political Science.

Why Magdalena? The room's interior was designed in May 2012 by students of political science supervised by dr hab. Marzena Cichosz. The walls are covered with copies of posters from the 1980s and 1990s – the originals are stored at the Institute of Political Science. Besides, the room holds also many souvenirs of the communist times and early 1990s in Poland, and on the pillars, there are signatures of politicians who were guests at the Faculty of Social Sciences, including the former President of Poland **Bronisław Komorowski**, leader of the Civic Platform **Donald Tusk**, former Prime Minister **Leszek Miller** and **Janusz Korwin-Mikke**. Although the former President of Poland **Lech Wałęsa** and former Prime Minister **Tadeusz Mazowiecki** never actually visited the Magdalena room, they left their signatures on Styrofoam blocs which are now glued to the pillars in Magdalena.

Magdalena is the favourite meeting place of members of the Young Political Scientists Science Club, but not only theirs – a fragment of a commercial for the University of Wrocław was filmed here. Magdalena is much liked by students, and the Faculty's guests, too. This year, the room gained another signature – from the former Minister of Finance and Head of the National Bank of Poland, prof. Leszek Balcerowicz, who held a lecture at the Faculty on 17 January, while promoting his book "Odkrywając wolność. W obronie rozumu".



Magdalena is the favourite place for many students



Leszek Balcerowicz in Magdalena

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Donald Tusk in Magdalena

The Academic League as a starting point for a career in Polish armed forces

We talk about the Academic League, who it is meant for, what can be gained through participation in the training and who volunteers most frequently with dr hab. Piotr Krzysztof Marszałek, prof. UWr of the Institute of International Studies, coordinator of the Academic League at the University of Wrocław.

- What is the Academic League and who is it meant for?

The Academic League is a form of voluntary military training for students of military and civilian universities meant for those who want to join the reserve of our armed forces. It was established in 1918, and its current form exists since 2017, but changed by amendments introduced in April last year with the Motherland Defence Act. Then, Academic League Schools were established and the University of Wrocław is one of several dozen such schools. They provide NCO- and officer-level training, but before you can take part in that, you need to complete the basic training within the Voluntary General Military Service. To do so, you need to report to the Military Recruitment Centre, regardless of where you live. When a student submits the relevant application and the training date is set, they are then referred for training at a military unit. The training is 28 days long and when it is completed, the participant takes a military oath. This year, there are two editions of such training set specifically for students: 17.07.-12.08. 2023 and 28.08.-23.09.2023.

- What does the basic training look like?

This is typical military training held at military facilities and lasting 28 days. During the training, each participant learns the basic rules of functioning of the armed forces, military regulations, military drill, shooting and sapper training and takes a course in operating basic weapons. At a military unit, you live according to the military schedule. The learning takes place six days a week, and on Sundays, there are group trips, e.g. hiking in mountains, where recreation is combined with effort training. At the end of the programme, you take a military oath and acquire the military rank of the reserve private. Only then, you can take part in the NCO training, and when that is completed – in officers' training.

- What do those further stages look like? How long do they take, how are they different from the first stage?

Currently, universities implement the NCO-level training within the Academic League. This is the theory part, including elements of leading at lower levels, e.g. a platoon.

The curriculum includes introduction to leadership, teambuilding, functioning of a platoon in defence and attack, assertive leadership, art of decision-making and a range of other subjects. Such training is held at 3-4 meetings once a week of a total of 13 teaching hours. When the course is completed, participants take an exam. People who pass it receive the relevant certificate they can use to report to the Military Recruitment Centre and to participate during holidays in the practical part of the training at a military unit or training centre. This part lasts 21 days. When it is completed, the participant becomes a reserve corporal. People who hold M.A. degree, may report to the Military Recruitment Centre, if they want to take officers' training. When qualified, they take a training of 62 days at military units, and then they are awarded the first officer rank. I don't know the detailed curriculum of this level of training, but it is designed to prepare commanders of bigger military troops. Currently, there are 250 people qualified to such training in Poland every year.

- What do you gain with the training? Does participation in the Academic League involve additional duties after the training is completed?

The objective of participating in the League is mainly to teach people who want to get involved with armed forces about the specific functioning of this environment, shaping habits that will be useful during military service and also removing those habits that might disturb it.

The training gives you skills of using weapons and teaches you about the conditions of living at military facilities. This is a chance to acquire a military rank, depending on the training held, a reserve private or reserve corporal and upon the officers' training, even the first officer rank. There are other benefits, too. Upon completion of the basic training, you obtain a one-off pay of 4,560 PLN, and after the NCO training up to 4,678 PLN. The soldier's pay after the officers' school may reach 11,400 PLN. When you are a reserve soldier, you may also be called for reserve training, but the decision belongs to military authorities.



Piotr Krzysztof Marszałek

fot. Magdalena Marcuła/UWr

Further, for students of our Faculty, the practical training within the Academic League may be recorded as completion of the professional internship.

- Who volunteers to the League the most frequently?

The most frequently, volunteers for the Academic League training are students of National Security and International Security, but also Sociology of Dispositional Groups. There are significantly fewer students of other majors at our Faculty. Besides, there are also volunteering students from the Faculty of Law, as well as Mathematics and Computer Science. We also encounter students of other universities, because according to the regulations, universities that hold Academic League training are obliged to admit students of universities which do not offer such training.

- Where can one find information about the League?

I am the Coordinator of the Academic League at the University of Wrocław for several years now. I post information about the Academic League on websites of the University and our Faculty, as well as social media. I organise informational meetings for students, attended also by representatives of the Military Recruitment Centre in Wrocław. This term, I also want to organise mobile recruitment points at our Faculty to provide students with detailed information on the basic training. And students are always welcome to contact me by e-mail at piotr.marszalek@uwr.edu.pl.

We were there, too!

We participated in numerous national and international events. It's impossible to list all of them, so we just present some of our staff's activities in Poland.

Dr **Paweł Wróblewski** of the Institute of Philosophy took part in the all-Polish interdisciplinary conference "Dokąd zmierza świat. Chrześcijaństwo i chrześcijaństwo polityka", organised on 13 December 2022 by the Catholic University of Lublin within the XI edition of the "Marian Rusecki Memorial Lectures". He spoke at a session concerning assessment of the Russian Federation's war against Ukraine, presenting the opinion of the Orthodox church on these events.

On 2 March dr **Jakub Bornio** of the Chair of European Studies moderated the debate concerning the report "Gruzja na drodze do Unii Europejskiej", published by Jan Nowak-Jeziorański College of Eastern Europe, Fundacja Kaukaska and Representation of the European Commission in Poland. Among the debate participants, there was also dr **Anna Jagiełło-Szostak** of the Institute of International Studies. The meeting was held at the Ossoliński National Institute.

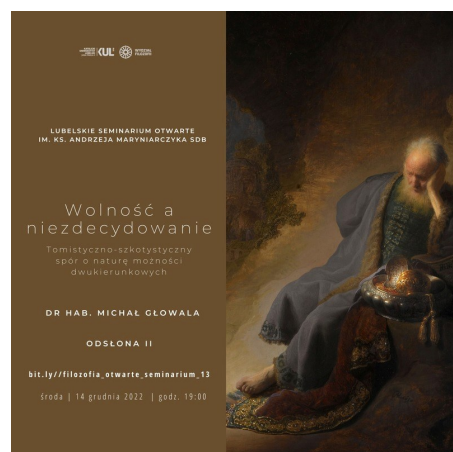
Dr hab. **Michał Głowala** of the Institute of Philosophy took part in Lubelskie Seminarium Otwarte im. ks. Andrzeja Maryniarczyka SDB organised by the Department of Philosophy of Culture and Rhetoric of the Catholic University of Lublin, Department of Philosophical Anthropology and Philosophy of Law of the Catholic University of Lublin and Polskie Towarzystwo Tomasza z Akwinu. Dr hab. Głowala delivered a lecture on "Wolność a niezdecydowanie. Tomistyczno-szkotystyczny spór o naturę możliwości dwukierunkowych - ODSŁONA II". The seminar was held on 14 December.

On 7 December, dr **Michał Piekarski** of the Institute of International Studies took part in a meeting organised by the Senate of the Republic of Poland "Cooperation for security". Dr Piekarski delivered a lecture titled "Increased size of Polish Armed Forces – potential and conditions". On 22 February, dr **Michał Piekarski** spoke as an expert at a meeting of the investigative team for threats to state security, initiated by the Civic Coalition. During the meeting on "Russia's hybrid war against Poland: to weaken, to divide, to separate from the West", dr Piekarski spoke about threats related to hybrid measures taken by Russia.

Dr hab. **Elżbieta Opiłowska**, prof. UW, of the Institute of Sociology took part in the 3rd global conference of the Association for Borderlands Studies "Borders, Edges and Interfaces: Pluralities and Scales" in Israel. During the conference, she delivered two lectures related to her current research projects.

Dr hab. **Marcin Dębicki**, prof. UW, dr hab. **Kamilla Dolińska**, dr hab. **Julita Makaro**, prof. UW, of the Institute of Sociology took part in the conference "Memory of the borderland landscape. XVI Kashubian-Pomeranian Conference", where they delivered lectures: Border crossing as an element of the Polish-Ukrainian borderlands' landscape – in selected local and national narratives; On locality which does (not) exceed borders in narratives of inhabitants of the Polish-German borderland – the case of Słubice and Frankfurt-on-the-Oder, Border infrastructure in the landscape of divided cities of the Polish-German borderland.

Mgr **Szymon Pilch** took part in a conference titled Future of work: working with and through digital technology, organised by the European Trade Unions Institute (ETUI) in Brussels, where he delivered a lecture "Experiences of remote work in times of the Covid-19 pandemic. Coping strategies and job quality in education and BPO industry. The case of Poland".



Debate „Georgia on its way to the European Union”



Meeting „Cooperation for security”

SCIENTIFIC ZONE OF STUDENTS AND PH.D. CANDIDATES

On designing future

Paula Fogt – future designing specialist (Greenhat Innovation, Uniwersytet SWPS), and **Marta Pyżyńska-Wójtowicz** – change management specialist (Capgemini) visited the Institute of Political Science, where they spoke to students of the 1st year of MA studies in social projects management about such services as future designing and change implementation in organisations. They presented the innovative methods of their work and shared examples of their cooperation with customers. The meeting with the experts was held on 13 December within the course on perspective forecasting and planning. The guests were invited by dr **Paweł Nowakowski**.



fot. Paweł Nowakowski

The Science Club of Young Political Scientists at a study trip



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In December 2022 the **Science Club of Young Political Scientists at UW** organised a study trip to Katowice, where the students met with the secretary of the Municipality of Katowice **Maciej Stachura** and the spokesperson for the voivode of Silesia **Alina Kucharzewska**. They also took part in the meeting of the Youth Assembly of Silesian Voivodeship.

Online visit at the European Commission

On 23 January the Polish and foreign students and staff of the Institute of International Studies and European Master Global Studies (EMGS) Consortium took part in an online visit to the European Commission via the Cisco Webex platform. The subject of the visit concerned such issues as the environment, sustainable natural resources, climate change and sustainable energy, nuclear security. On the part of the European Union the lecture was held by experts: **Aurélie Godefroy**, **Jose Carlos Edo Monfort** and **Alba Le Cardinal**.

PR workshops

Agata Potarzycka-Szczerba of the Komunikacja Plus agency delivered a PR workshop for students of social projects management. This was a chance to discuss Złote Spinacze awards (congratulations on new wins added to the earlier collection!), ethics, strategies, threats and challenges in this industry.

Meeting on career planning

On 12 January at the Faculty of Social Sciences, there was a meeting held with the **Academic Career Office UW**. The discussion concerned effective planning of education and professional career, details of recruitment processes and current requirements of employers. We encourage you to check the Career Office's website and follow their FB profile!

Conference at the Institute of Philosophy

On 10 March, at the Institute of Philosophy, there was a conference for students and Ph.D. students titled "**The Body in Philosophical Contexts**". Students of the Institute of Philosophy and the Doctoral College of Philosophy delivered presentations at the event.

Awards and honorary mentions

The B.A. thesis by **Konrad Korytkowski** titled "Męskość w percepcji kobiet i mężczyzn" supervised by dr hab. **Natalia Niedźwiecka-Iwańczak** received the main award in the Profesor Wojciech Sitek Competition for the best B.A. theses defended at the Institute of Sociology of the University of Wrocław.

The M.A. thesis by **Wiktoria Morawska** titled "Kontinuum zależności decyzyjnej awansujących kobiet a autonomia podmiotowa pokolenia posttransformacyjnego" supervised by prof. dr hab. **Wanda Patrzalek**, received the main award in the category of social policies presented by the Minister of Family and Social Policy **Marlena Małag** within the XXIV competition for the best master and bachelor theses concerning labour and social policies, organised by the Institute of Labour and Social Affairs. Previously, she also received a fellowship of the Minister of Science and Education in 2021/2022 for significant scientific achievements.

SCIENTIFIC ZONE OF STUDENTS AND PH.D. CANDIDATES

On Thomistic ethics of lethal actions of state

Mgr Wojciech Kilan, Ph.D. student at the Doctoral College in Philosophy, received a grant within the call of the National Centre for Science - "Preludium 21" meant for researchers who do not hold a Ph.D. The project is titled "Thomistic Ethics of Lethal Actions of State".

"Following St. Thomas Aquinas in perceiving that relations between people are regulated by the moral virtue of justice (concerned in rights of others), it should be noted that state's lethal actions constitute exactly implementation of the state's right concerning individuals' life and health" – the author describes the project.

The objective of the research project is a systematic presentation of the issues related to state's lethal actions within the Thomistic ethics and philosophy of politics, through:

- analysing general norms regulating such actions,
- application of set norms to assessment of individual lethal actions taken by states.

At the same time, the author will study the difference between private and public rights to take lethal actions.

COMPETITIONS!

The Polish Political Science Association announced another edition of prof. Czesław Mojsiewicz competition for the **best Ph.D. thesis defended in the discipline of political science and administration**. This edition includes theses defended in 2022, written in Polish or English. The prize in the competition is publication of the winning thesis as a monograph.

The prize is sponsored by Adam Marszałek Publishing House. **Applications can be submitted until 31 March 2023.**

Details can be found at: <http://www.ptnp.org.pl/index.php/pl/aktualnosci/zg-ptnp/1213-konkurs-na-najlepsza-prace-doktorska-edycja-2022>

The Institute of International Studies and the Board of the Scientific Discipline of Security Science announced a **competition for the best final – bachelor and master – thesis in the discipline of security sciences**. The thesis should be defended no later than on 30 September 2023 and it must be assessed as very good at the defence. **Theses shall be submitted to the competition by supervisors upon consultation with the author no later than by 5 October 2023.** The competition will assess: original and innovative character of the thesis, application of methodology, thesis structure and technical aspect, language and style, correctness of analysis and conclusions, selection and quality of used sources.

The XX edition of the "Wrocławska Magnolia" was launched. It is meant for graduates of universities, whose master theses defended in the academic year of 2021/2022 were assessed as good or better and touch on subjects related broadly to improvement of quality of life of inhabitants of Wrocław. **Applications can be submitted until 14 April 2023.** Information and required documentation:

<https://www.wroclaw.pl/akademicki-wroclaw/o-konkursie-wroclawska-magnolia>

Meeting with the Consul General of Germany



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The meeting was held at the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Poland

Students of management of social sciences took part in a meeting with the Consul General of Germany **Martin Kremer**.

It was a chance to talk not only about savoir-vivre, but also about everyday work at the consulate and the concept of establishing a youth council to discuss current Polish-German issues.



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The idea of establishing a youth council was one of the topics discussed at the meeting

No-stress page

Dr **Eli Orner Kramer**, prof. UW of the Institute of Philosophy was nominated as the "Personality of the Year 2022" in the plebiscite of "Gazeta Wrocławska" daily. A similar nomination was granted to dr hab. **Barbara Pabjan** of the Institute of Sociology, both in the "Science" category. Congratulations! For us, such nominations are hardly surprising.



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Dr **Bartłomiej Łódzki** of the Institute of International Studies and dr hab. **Lucyna Szot**, prof. UW of the Institute of Political Science were appointed as jurors in the Good Journalist 2022 competition organised by Instytut Dyskursu i Dialogu. These are no easy times for journalism, which makes us even more proud that our Faculty can be represented by these recognised experts.

Why are we not surprised that dr **Marcin Sienkiewicz** of the Institute of International Studies was awarded for his commitment in working groups of the Industrial Agreement for hydrogen economy? And that the award was presented by the Secretary of State, Government Plenipotentiary for Renewable Energy Sources Ireneusz Zyska? Because his expert contribution to the works on future organisation of defence and quotation of renewable hydrogen is beyond reach for most of us. If you don't believe us, check the latest report by the Lower Silesian Institute for Energy Studies, co-authored by dr Sienkiewicz, and learn how gas became a hostage of geopolitics.



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Who delivers classes at the Academic Tutors School established at the University of Wrocław? The objective of the school is to support the process of improving quality of teaching at schools and universities. The school's team includes experienced professionals and active scholars, team leaders, project coordinators, aspiring promoters of science. And therefore, it's obvious that this group should include dr **Paweł Wróblewski** of the Institute of Philosophy who holds classes in "Philosophy in tutoring".

Dr **Kamil Glinka** of the Institute of Political Science became a partner in the project "Strengthening the European integration of academic networks in V4 and EP/Western Balkans", led by the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence and funded by the International Visegrad Fund within Visegrad+ Grants. It's become like an obvious association: when you think V4 grants, you think Kamil...



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Time for dessert. We are so proud that dr hab. **Adam Mrozowicki**, prof. UW of the Institute of Sociology is the only sociologist in Poland to be nominated for the Polish-American Fulbright Commission's scholarship. He will spend six months at the Industrial and Labor Relations School, Cornell University (USA), working together with prof. Virginia Doellgast at the project "Innovation, control, resistance: workers' responses to socio-economic and (post-)pandemic crises", implementing tasks that involve also specialists in logistics and healthcare. If we're so proud, why mention it only on page 22? Well, we are going to miss professor Mrozowicki, but... on the plus side, one bicycle parking spot will be released! And the spring is coming...

Python not so scary any more



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Those who lasted know ;-) training in application of Python programming in social sciences – that sounds scary, but we made it, 30 hours with **Szymon Górka** and we know a little more. We are also grateful to **Mateusz Karolak**, **Piotr Sula**, **Kamil Błaszczński** and **Mateusz Zieliński**, who took the effort to organise the training for us.

PS

Bicycle racks from the municipality of Wrocław are already here! After just over a year of waiting ;-)



fot. WNS

We left some place for you and for ourselves to comment on the level of remuneration increases in higher education.

MOVED BY SCIENCE! Looking forward to XXVI Lower Silesian Science Festival!

This year's tagline refers to the year of Nicolaus Copernicus and subjects related to this scholar will be the leitmotiv of this edition. The Office of the Lower Silesian Science Festival now accepts submissions of programme applications.

The Festival will be held at the following dates:

Interactive presentations at schools: 12-15 September

Wrocław edition: 16-22 September, including:

* Science Town and Inauguration on 16 September from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Medical University of Wrocław, Faculty of Pharmacy, ul. Borowska 211)

* Events by organisers and co-organisers: 16-22 September

* Lower Silesian Scientists' Night: 22 September, from 5.00 p.m.

Regional edition 26.09-27.10, including:

- ♦ Legnica 26-27.09
- ♦ Dzierżonów 28-29.09
- ♦ Głogów 2-4.10
- ♦ Bystrzyca Kłodzka 5-6.10
- ♦ Jelenia Góra 9-10.10
- ♦ Ząbkowice Śląskie 10-12.10
- ♦ Lubin-Polkowice 17-18.10
- ♦ Bolesławiec 19-20.10
- ♦ Zgorzelec 21-24.10
- ♦ Wałbrzych 23-27.10

Additional information about particular events:

Science Town – following the example of the Knowledge Park held for several years (Promenada Staromiejska at the Puppet Theatre), the organisers want to combine university presentations with the official Inauguration of the Festival. On Saturday 16 September at the premises of the Medical University of Wrocław at ul. Borowska, there will be stands with presentations, workshops and some lectures prepared by Wrocław universities and by co-organisers.

Lower Silesian Scientists' Night – this is a pilot initiative; the organisers want to check whether there will be anyone willing to prepare a meeting on Friday afternoon or evening, and whether inhabitants of Lower Silesia will attend such meetings. That's why university staff and co-organisers, as well as institutions in the region's cities are encouraged to take part in this trial version of the Night. If the initiative is successful, the organisers want to apply for the European Commission funding to organise this event on the yearly basis.

Interactive presentations at schools – this project is funded by the Municipality and it involves holding classes directly at schools (primary and secondary ones). It is co-implemented by the Department of Education of the Municipal Office of Wrocław.

Classes for children at the Kliniki Transplantacji Szpiku, Onkologii i Hematologii Dziecięcej "Przylądek Nadziei" – organisers seek people willing to hold such classes, highlighting that due to the character of the clinic, application of any organic material is excluded.

DEADLINES:

Regional edition: until 31.03

Wrocław: until 12.04

The event submission form can be filled in online at the Festival's website at: <https://www.festiwal.wroc.pl/formularz-zgloszeniowy/>

The form, filled in and downloaded, should be sent, as previously, to the Faculty coordinator who will send the listing of all submissions of the Festival Office. Events can be submitted also, as in prior editions, through the Faculty coordinator, by sending the filled in file to the coordinator – for the Faculty of Social Sciences the file (submission form) shall be shared on the staff group at the MT platform

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