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Dear all!

Welcome to the new academic year of 2023/2024! I want to welcome especially warmly all new students of the Faculty of Social Sciences who begin this new stage of their student lives in Koszarowa street.

Our Faculty is one of the biggest units of the University of Wrocław, educating Polish and foreign students in a dozen of majors. We are very happy that you chose to join us. I also wish to greet those who arrived in Wrocław within international student mobility and fellowship programmes. I wish you all an excellent academic adventure!



In this issue of the Bulletin, you'll find the Faculty news and information about the latest events – not so many of them, due to the holidays. Quite a few single- and multi-authored monographs were published, as well as interesting scientific articles; there were interesting international visits by employees of our Faculty, but we also welcomed participants of another international Summer School of Democracy, and we launched cooperation with the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. All this serves to develop our Faculty and open new possibilities of international cooperation for our staff and students. I want to thank all those who took the effort to make it happen.

In September, several our employees were awarded University professorships, and dr hab. Przemysław Żukiewicz – by a ruling of the President of the Republic – became professor in social sciences. Congratulations! I am very glad that our employees' skills are appreciated externally, as evidenced by the latest successes of dr hab. Karolina Borońska-Hryniewiecka, prof. UWr of the Institute of Political Science and dr Mateusz Karolak of the Institute of Sociology (more about them on p. 7).

In this academic year we continue our cooperation with Echo24.pl TV. The discussions, under the general title of "The world as seen from Koszarowa street" concern current social and political events, and among the guests, there are philosophers, sociologists, political scientists, experts in security, international studies and European studies. I encourage you to share with the viewers your expert knowledge and professional approach to the surrounding reality.

Our Faculty underwent organisational changes: the Chair of European Studies was transformed into the Institute of European Studies, while the Institute of International Studies was renamed into the Institute of International Studies and Security. We are currently processing the motion to include the Jean Monnet Chair into our Faculty. There is a new head of our Library – dr Mariusz Pandura. And there's more good news for all of us – from October, there is a buffet open at the Institute of Political Science.

I wish you a good academic year, hoping for excellent cooperation. I encourage you to be active members of our Faculty's community.

Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences

prof. dr hab. Robert Alberski

New students officially welcomed!

On 29 September, there was the official matriculation of students enrolled at the first year of studies at the Faculty of Social Sciences. The ceremony was attended by the Vice-Rector of the University of Wrocław for student affairs, dr hab. Maciej Cesarz.

The students were welcomed by the authorities of the Faculty: the Dean prof. dr hab. **Robert Alberski**, Vice-Dean for International Cooperation dr hab. **Magdalena Ratajczak**, prof. UWr, Vice-Dean for Education dr hab. **Marta Ryniejska-Kiełdanowicz**, Vice-Dean for Science and Development dr hab. **Mateusz Błaszczuk**, prof. UWr and Vice-Dean for Student Affairs dr hab. Jacek **Zieliński**. The official meeting was also attended by directors and vice-directors of the Faculty's units: Institute of Philosophy, Institute of Sociology, Institute of International Studies and Security, Institute of European Studies, Institute of Political Science and Chair of Logic and Methodology of Science.

The opening lecture titled "What to study and how?" was delivered by dr hab. **Marcin Dębicki**, prof. UWr of the Institute of Sociology. **Katarzyna Kvapilíková** invited the students to cooperate with the Welcome Centre she works at, the Faculty's Library was presented by its Head dr **Mariusz Pandura**. There was also a presentation on health and safety issues by mgr **Kamila Jędrzejczyk** of the Centre for Security Studies and Education, and dr **Olga Nowaczyk**, Dean's Plenipotentiary for Equal Treatment spoke about the principles of equality. **Hubert Litwin** of the Student Organisation at UWr spoke on behalf of students.



Official oath

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Hubert Litwin of the UWr Student Organisation welcomes new students

Photo by: Paweł Piotrowski

More photos:

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Official presentation of graduation diplomas

The Dean and the Council of the Faculty of Social Sciences have the honour to invite you to the official presentation of diplomas for graduates of bachelor and master studies. The ceremony will be held on 27 October at 11.00 a.m. at Aula Leopoldina (pl. Uniwersytecki 1, Main Building of the University).

You are kindly asked to confirm your presence at the ceremony no later than by 20 October through the following form:

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by indicating your name and surname, field of studies, cycle (I/II) and form of studies (full- or part-time). Only those registered will be included during the ceremony.

Welcoming of students of English-language curricula



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On 29 September, the Faculty authorities, coordinators of English-language curricula, and representatives of the Faculty's administration and Welcome Centre met with students who start English-language studies at our Faculty or participate in international mobility programmes here.

We're happy to have you!

Katarzyna Kajdanek recognised in the contest for the best monographic book in urban studies

Dr hab. Katarzyna Kajdanek, prof. UWr of the Institute of Sociology became the laureate of the 3rd Ewa Kaltenberg-Kwiatkowska contest for the best monographic book in urban studies in 2022.

The award was presented to prof. Kajdanek for the book "Powrotnicy. Reurbanizacja w perspektywie przebiegu życia", published by Nomos Publishing House in Kraków. The award recognised the author's excellence in describing the experience of people who decided to return from suburbs to city centres. The author uses diverse, beautiful Polish language making the book valuable both as a scientific work and as a piece of literature.

The key category for Katarzyna Kajdanek involves the experience of the "returners". It's their voice, enhanced with scientific instruments, that is always the focus of this book. By diving into the narratives of residents who resolved to come back from suburbs to city centres, we follow their lives, learn their motivations and survival strategies in the suburban environments and tactics used to escape from it.



Proposals in this edition of the contest were assessed by a jury of four scholars, and the decision was unanimous. The event was organised by the Section of Sociology of the City of the Polish Sociological Association.

Conditions and quality of life in Wrocław – new residents of the city

The first part of the research results within the project "Life conditions and quality in Wrocław – new residents of the city" has been published.



The study by dr hab. Kamila Dolińska, prof. UWr and dr hab. Julita Makaro, prof. UWr of the Institute of Sociology involved 906 respondents from Ukraine and Belarus, including almost 40% (352) who declared that they would stay in Wrocław for at least one year. The study shows a partial, but very complex and interesting image of the multicultural Wrocław.

The interdisciplinary research project is implemented by the municipality of Wrocław (Department of Social Affairs of the Municipal Office of Wrocław, Municipal Strategy Office and Wrocław Centre for Social Development), University of Wrocław (Institute of Sociology) and Stowarzyszenie Edukacji Krytycznej. The other part of the results will be published in October.

Przemysław Żukiewicz is a professor!

With a decision of 7 September 2023, the President of the Republic of Poland presented the title of a professor in social sciences to dr hab. **Przemysław Żukiewicz** of the Institute of Political Science. Congratulations!



Prof. dr hab. Przemysław Żukiewicz

Professorships

Four employees of the Faculty of Social Sciences obtained professorships of the University of Wrocław: dr hab. **Artur Pacewicz** of the Institute of Philosophy, dr hab. **Irena Wolska-Zogata** of the Institute of Sociology, dr hab. **Marzena Cichosz** of the Institute of Political Science and dr hab. **Piotr Sula** of the Institute of Political Science. Congratulations!

Working in the (post)pandemic reality

The journal *Przegląd Socjologiczny* published a thematic issue titled "Work, social reproduction and mobilisation in the (post)pandemic reality", co-edited by dr hab. **Adam Mrozowski**, prof. UWr of the Institute of Sociology and dr hab. **Julia Kubisa**, prof. UW. The issue includes:

- * a paper by **Adam Mrozowski** "Innovation, control, resistance, normalisation: workers' ways of coping with the pandemic crisis in the workplace",
- * a paper by **mgr Olga Gitkiewicz** "Care as a catalyst for resistance. The case of non-unionised workers".

The publication is associated with the 18th Polish Sociological Congress in Warsaw.



Our experts in Echo24.pl TV

The world as seen from Koszarowa street is a new cycle of expert meetings in Echo24.pl TV.

The world as seen from Koszarowa street is a new broadcast featuring scientists and experts from the Faculty of Social Sciences – philosophers, sociologists, political scientists, experts in security, international studies and European studies – commenting on current social and political events. Together with the editors anchoring the broadcast, they strive to answer questions about the reality around us, about how events in Poland

and worldwide affect our everyday lives, how we cope with them as citizens, but also as employees, parents, members of local communities, people of various confessions and opinions.

Prof. dr hab. **Robert Alber-ski** of the Institute of Political Science was the guest in the first episode. The discussion concerned the upcoming parliamentary elections, possible scenarios and knowledge hidden in the published polls.



Dr Anna Cichecka at Echo24.pl TV

Dr **Anna Cichecka** of the Institute of Sociology participated in the second episode which concerned the visa scandal and the referendum in this context. The guest of the third episode was dr hab. **Larysa Leshchenko**, prof. UW of the Institute of International Studies.

NATO summit in Vilnius

The Institute of International Studies cooperated with the Faculty of International Relations of the University of Lviv and the International Security and Partnership Centre to organise the Polish-Ukrainian security panel titled: "NATO summit in Vilnius. From regional security to global security".

Art - a conversation between light and matter

On 24 June dr **Agnieszka Bandura** of the Institute of Philosophy hosted the aesthetic walk "Art – a conversation between light and matter" at the exhibition of Jan Chwałczyk's work titled "Światło - cień – informacja" presented at Wrocław Contemporary Museum.

Lecture for high school students

On 14 June students of the 1st Danuta Siedzikówna Inka High School in Wrocław visited the Institute of International Studies and listened to the academic lecture "Middle East on fire vs. security of Europe" delivered by dr hab. **Marcin Szydłysz** and dr **Katarzyna Jędrzejczyk-Kuliniak** of the Institute of International Studies.

Professional specialisations

The Central Exam Committee for professional specialisation degrees in social work appointed dr **Dariusz Szrejder** of the Institute of Sociology as a member of the Regional Exam Committee for professional specialisation degrees in social work in Lower Silesian voivodeship.

You are welcome to watch and participate! More at: <https://echo24.tv/>

Organisational changes at the Faculty!

Starting 1 October, the **Chair of European Studies** is transformed into the **Institute of European Studies**, and the **Institute of International Studies** was renamed to the **Institute of International Studies and Security**.

Legal basis:

Ordinance no. 189/2023 of the Rector of the University of Wrocław of 2 August 2023 concerning amendment of the Ordinance no. 215/2022 introducing Organisational Regulations of the University of Wrocław

Ordinance no. 212/2023 of the Rector of the University of Wrocław of 15 September 2023 concerning amendment of the Ordinance no. 215/2022 of the Rector of the University of Wrocław of 29 September 2022 introducing Organisational Regulations of the University of Wrocław

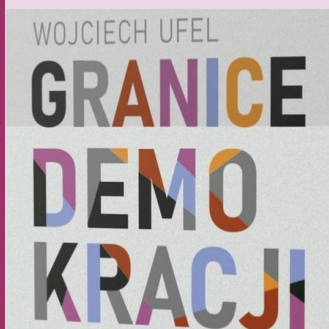
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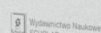
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Frontiers of democracy



Dylematy deliberacji
w perspektywie
filozofii gier językowych



In his book, dr **Wojciech Ufel** of the Institute of Political Science attempted an in-depth analysis of the theory of deliberative democracy which is gaining in popularity recently. He concluded that its main problems arise from the arbitrarily assumed idealistic philosophical prerequisites, especially concerning the philosophy of language. To approach the process in a more practical way, the author suggests application of Ludwig Wittgenstein's language game philosophy.

African American Studies - Interdisciplinary Research and Teaching

On 20 September, professor Kenneth Stickers of the Southern Illinois University delivered a guest lecture.

The lecture "African American Studies - Interdisciplinary Research and Teaching" was held at the premises of Wrocław branch of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

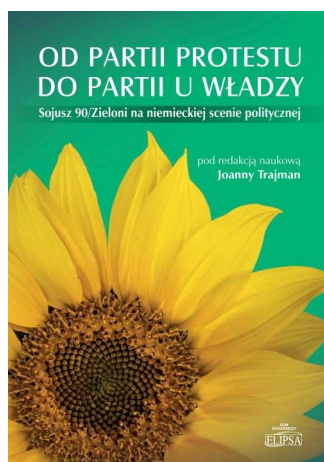
The event was organised by the Institute of Philosophy UWr, Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies and Philosophy of Culture UWr, as well as the Committee on Philosophical Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Wrocław.



The Greens on the German political stage

"Od partii protestu do partii u władzy. Sojusz 90/Zieloni na niemieckiej scenie politycznej" is the title of a new publication edited by dr Joanna Trajman of the Institute of International Relations and Security.

More than four decades of the Green party make a good opportunity to sum up its activities and explore transformations it undergoes – both axiologically, in terms of the programme, staff, on the organisational level, as well as the place it holds on the German political stage. The book contains ten papers. The authors focused on various aspects of the Greens' functioning in the Federal Republic of Germany. Among the researchers who contributed to preparation of this publication, there were employees of the Section of German Studies at the Institute of International Relations and Security. Perceiving the unique situation in Austria ruled currently by a coalition of a green party and a conservative party, dr hab. **Katarzyna Gelles**, prof. UWr presented the increasing position of the Greens on the political stage there in the context of social transformations.



The conditions of operation of Bavarian Greens were explored by dr **Mariusz Kozerski**, while the editor herself, dr **Joanna Trajman** analysed the party's best electoral result in its history, achieved in Bundestag elections in 2021.

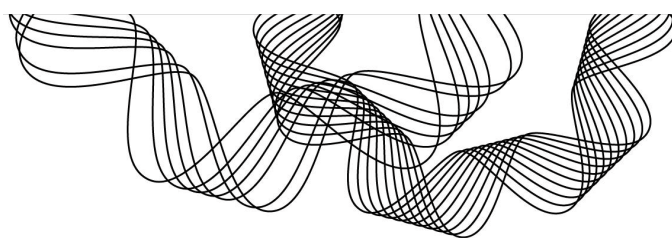
The book is especially interesting, as it is the first comprehensive monographic analysis of this party in Polish. We encourage you to read it!

Fantasy fiction in Poland

Fantasy fiction in Poland: first quarter of a century. On social background of literary taste – was the subject of the 34th meeting in the SocjoPercepcja cycle.

The meeting was inspired by the book by **Stanisław Krawczyk** on the transformation of the Polish fantasy fiction in the late 20th century – "Gust i prestiż". This meeting of SocjoPercepcja, held on 28 June, was attended by employees of the Institute of Sociology: dr **Michał Cebula**, dr **Stanisław Krawczyk** and dr **Aleksandra Drabina-Różewicz**, who moderated the discussion. The discussion concerned the role of popular culture, including fantasy fiction as a carrier of values, patterns of rituals.

The participants considered why fantasy fiction authors and readers choose this genre of literature, what they wrote about and what they didn't (and why), as well as potential consequences for the Polish fantasy fiction in the context of social and cultural transformations. The meeting was organised by Wrocław branch of the Polish Sociological Association and the Institute of Sociology of the University of Wrocław, cooperating with Wrocław Institute of Culture.



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Outstanding citizens of Minsk at the turn of the 19th and 20th century

The Andrej Yanushkevich publishing house published the 12th volume of the series "Znakomicy Mińszczanie przełomu XIX i XX wieku. II wojna światowa a Polacy z Mińszczyzny"

The series edited by prof. dr hab. **Zdzisław J. Winnicki** of the Institute of International Studies and Security presents the history of Poles in the already Soviet Minsk region, exiled in Poland after the Riga treaty of 1921, as well as emigrating after the war. It is the closure of a multi-year research project and a popularisation attempt meant mostly for readers in modern Belarus – frequently unaware of the role played by inhabitants of Minsk at the turn of the 19th and 20th century.



The publication includes an introduction written by the director of the Sybir Memorial Museum prof. **Wojciech Śleszyński**.

Summer School of Democracy: in search of a new understanding of democracy

On 11-15 September, there was another edition of the Summer School of Democracy organised by the Institute of Political Science.

During five days of the school, the participants had a chance to attend lectures and workshops and to share their perspective on various dimensions of democratic processes in times of dynamic technological, social and political changes, as seen at the turn of the 20th and 21st century.

They also visited different places in Wrocław, including the Office of the European Parliament in Poland, museums and other institutions.



Participants of the Summer School of Democracy

Photo by: Agata Mitek/UWr

Cooperation with Tanzania

The University of Wrocław gained funding for implantation of the academic mobility programme aimed at initiating cooperation with the University of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania. The project, prepared by dr **Anna Cichecka** of the Institute of Sociology, acquired funding within the Erasmus KA171. This initiative is aimed at internationalisation of universities and intensification of cooperation with institutions from the Global South.

Expert group

Dr hab. **Karolina Borońska-Hryniewiecka**, prof. UWr of the Institute of Political Science was invited to the international expert group established by think tanks Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) & Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP). The objective of the group is to develop proposals of changes meant to democratise the European Union.

Research Committee

At the 20th World Congress of the International Sociological Association, dr **Mateusz Karolak** of the Institute of Sociology was elected for the board of the Research Committee no. 44 "Labour movements" within ISA. Dr Karolak will represent the Central and Eastern Europe in ISA RC44.

Ministerial award

Dr **Tomasz Woźniakowski** of the Institute of Political Science was awarded a fellowship of the Minister of Education and Science for outstanding young scientists who have significant achievements in their research.

Polkowice Climate Dialogue

On 27 September, a Polkowice Climate Dialogue event was held, co-organised by employees of the Institute of Political Science.

The meeting was a part of the project "Young Dialogue and Change Maker – building a dialogue around climate challenges". It was hosted by young people from Polkowice, whose preparations for competent participation in the local public debate on climate change are supported within the project by employees of the Faculty of Social Sciences: dr **Andrzej Ferens**, dr **Katarzyna Kobielska**, dr **Alicja Lisowska**, dr **Monika Wichłacz**.



Participants of Polkowice Climate Dialogue

Photo by: Katarzyna Kobielska

Iceland
Liechtenstein
Norway



**Active
citizens fund**

The event is a part of the project "Young Dialogue and Change Maker – building a dialogue around climate challenges", in which the University of Wrocław acts as a partner. The project is funded by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway with EEA funds within the Active Citizens Fund – Regional. The leader is Forum for Civic Initiatives Foundation, and other partners include Norwegian Institute for Nature Research and the commune of Polkowice.

Scientific internship in California

Field research, interviews and discussions about potential cooperation were all included in the visit plan of dr Marek Musioł of the Institute of International Studies and Security at the University of California Santa Barbara and University of California Berkeley.

In June and July, dr **Marek Musioł** completed a scientific internship and visit at the two American universities. The programme included interviews, meetings and consultations with authorities and experts at the UC Santa Barbara; holding field research, including at the UC Santa Barbara and UCSB Library, as well as UC Berkeley and Doe Library; presentation of cooperation possibilities, e.g. joint projects,

publications and conferences, teaching workshops, development of student and staff mobility programmes, presentation of cooperation possibilities within Wrocław Security Summit 2023. During the visit, there were also discussions about the research project "The existential nature of water. More politicised or securitised? Regional water security complexes in the Anthropocene".



Marek Musioł in California

Photo by: JSMB

Visiting Los Angeles

The 119th meeting of members of the American Political Science Association was held in Los Angeles.

Among the international guests and lecturers, there were also representatives of the Faculty of Social Sciences. Dr hab. **Michał Jacuński**, prof. UW of the Institute of Political Science presented a lecture on application of digitalisation in limiting autocratisation in Poland, and prof. dr hab. **Przemysław Żukiewicz**, also of the Institute of Political Science delivered a lecture on inter-party transfers in parliaments in Czechia, Lithuania and Poland.



Michał Jacuński (on the right) during the meeting

Quantitative methods school

On 25.06-01.07.2023, the summer school of quantitative methods was held at the Institute of Political Science.



Dr Małgorzata Madej was one of the instructors

Photo by: IPoL

"Summer School: Introduction to statistics with R" was organised by the Centre for Quantitative Research and funded within the Blended Intensive Programme Erasmus+. There were participants from the Institute's partner universities in six countries: Austria (University of Graz), Czechia (Metropolitan University Prague), Ireland (Maynooth University), Lithuania (Vytautas

Magnus University in Kaunas, Vilnius University), Slovenia (School of Advanced Social Studies in Nova Gorica) and Hungary (Corvinus University of Budapest, University of Pécs and University of Szeged). The participants had an opportunity to learn about application of quantitative methods in social sciences, linear regression and logistic regression in R software.

Migrants as a constituent power in Europe

The journal "Citizenship Studies" (Vol. 27/2023) published an article by dr Łukasz Moll of the Institute of Sociology.

The paper titled "The nomos of mobile commons: towards a nomadic constitution of Europe" presents mobile common goods and migrants as a constituent power of a Europe-to-come. The article is a part of the discussion about the future constitution of Europe in the context of migration.



Przemysław Żukiewicz

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A political thinker, economist, anti-war activist

We discuss the unique figure of Rosa Luxemburg with dr hab. Katarzyna Gelles, prof. UWr of the Institute of International Studies, who authored a book about one of the best known female social democrats.

Why were you interested in Rosa Luxemburg?

The person to whom I owe my interest in Rosa Luxemburg was my dad, historian by education, expert in German issues and also a passionate explorer of the history of Wrocław. We are both impressed by letters written by Rosa inside Wrocław jail at ul. Kleczkowska, where she was held at the end of WWI, in 1917-1918.

Besides, the history of German social democracy is one of my research areas and here, again, I kept encountering her name as one of the best known representatives of the SPD party. This year marks the 160th anniversary of its establishment and she is listed as one of the most influential members of the party.

And then, a couple of years ago, I was preparing a lecture combining the German and Wrocław themes... and there came Rosa Luxemburg. So, you can say that my interest in her developed over the years and at some point it matured enough for me to write a book about her.

Why did you choose to study this figure?

It's not rare to hear that Rosa Luxemburg, next to Maria Skłodowska-Curie is the best known Polish woman in the world, but it seems to me that very few people know this name now, especially as it doesn't sound Polish. In general, there was not much written about her in Poland and after the political transition – these writings were mostly negative. The main charge concerned her opposition to Poland regaining independence, a decisive factor in the negative evaluation of herself and her work.

I may add that there was a street named after her in Wrocław after 1956, too, but in 1992, within the general decommunization it was renamed after gen. Stefan Grot-Rowecki. This was actually overzealousness by the then local authorities, because Rosa Luxemburg's name is not covered by the so-called decommunisation act.

One can find out quite soon that so far, the Polish-language literature missed a publication presenting this historical figure more in-depth. One biography, a popular science one, was published in mid-1970s, so almost 50 years ago! And in many respects Rosa Luxemburg was an exceptional person, also in her times, at the turn of the 19th and 20th century, she stood out above the average. Even now, we would find her career spectacular.

I am impressed by her independence of thinking, courage in breaking routine conventions, as well as her political writing talent and excellent knowledge of several languages: apart from Polish, she was fluent in Russian and German, she was also familiar with English, French and German.

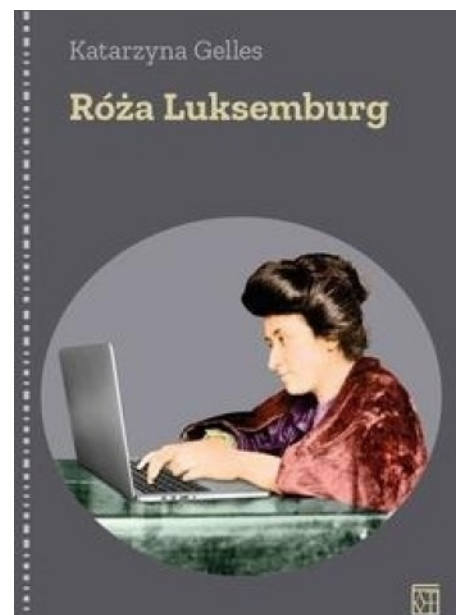
She was a pioneer, one of the first Polish women to obtain a doctoral degree in Switzerland, at the University of Zurich: with such people who pave the way, we – I mean female researchers and academic teachers – may pursue our goals, plans and passions in various areas. This is why in this book I decided to present her not only as a politician and theorist of the labour movement, but also – maybe above all – as a full-fledged woman, with her emotions, experiences, dilemmas, everything she faced in her life of less than 50 years.

How did the work on the book proceed?

It was clear for me from the beginning that I would not analyse her oeuvre or decide on the correctness of her views, as many analysts have addressed those questions before. After studying the materials, I thought how to approach them rightly. I believe that the biggest challenge was to find a way to use them to the full, to choose rightly and set them in order, and to avoid clichés. I relied on my intuition to some extent, because I love reading biographies and I am especially intrigued by those which present their protagonists in a variable manner, not in black and white, leaving it to the readers to assess the protagonists' actions.

One should also remember that outstanding individuals still remain children of their times, so the motives of their successes and failures can be understood only in the context of the reality they lived in.

Presenting Rosa's private life was not an easy task. She did not keep a journal or diary, she was also quite a closed person, so we know little about her childhood and youth. Luckily, there are memories of those who knew her personally, including her long-time friends. Those were very helpful and made an important source of information for me. And so did the vast correspondence between Rosa and her family, friends and labour movement activists all over Europe. I have already mentioned the letters from prison she wrote to her friend Sophie, wife of Karl Liebknecht – Rosa's political companion. I used also the best known biographies written mainly by German scholars, but also English, American, French or Soviet ones.



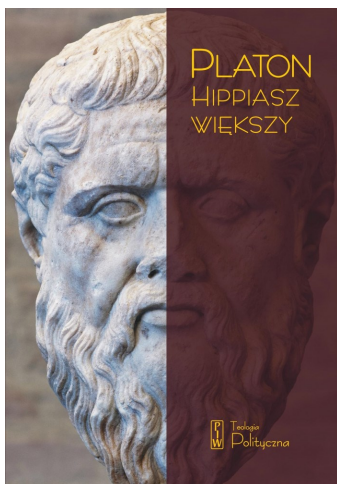
Rosa Luxemburg is quite an extraordinary character. What do you find particularly special about her?

That's right, she largely diverged from the image of a woman common in her times. Besides, her identification in terms of gender and background, as an educated woman, political activist, and socialist, while also a talented political writer, uncompromising pacifist, with her private life without a husband or children – those were frequently unsurpassable barriers in social life. For example, her adversaries attacked her as a foreigner, and what's more a Jew, she also had problems with such basic issues as renting a flat, because she was not married. But she wouldn't be discouraged. With hard work, she achieved a great success and gained international recognition.

As I stressed in my book, Rosa obviously couldn't predict or even imagine the economic and political transformations to come in the next decades of the 20th century, but many of her views are still up-to-date, including her thoughts on the increasing nationalism with all its consequences, on the essence of political leadership, on social inequalities or her conviction that wars – both in the past and nowadays, launched in the interest of minorities, bring only destruction and casualties. The uniqueness of Rosa's life lay mainly in the fact that she went beyond her times in many respects. Regardless of whether she was liked or not, everyone who met her was impressed by her intelligence and character. The tragic circumstances of her death, as she was murdered brutally in January 1919 by right-wing fighters, made her an icon of the labour movement.

It was especially important for me to help readers see Rosa exactly like this: with her temperament, curiosity of the world and openness for people, and at the same time, a person who was sarcastic, stubborn and frequently uncompromising in her views.

Recommended readings in philosophy

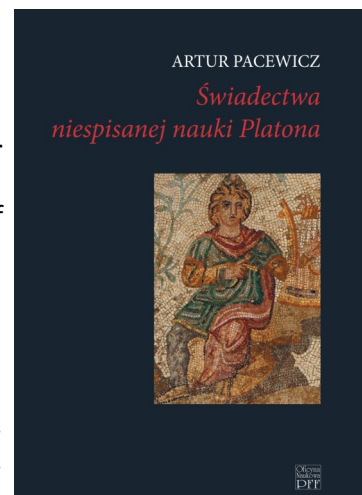


Heritage of Plato's unwritten teaching and Hippias Major

Two new books edited by Artur Pacewicz were published.

Polskie Forum Filozoficzne published a selection of fragments titled *Świadectwa niepisanej nauki Platona*, prepared by dr hab. **Artur Pacewicz** and featuring his introduction. The book is available for free as PDF at: <https://forumfilozoficzne.org/index.php/swiadectwa-niepisanej-nauki-platona-2023/>

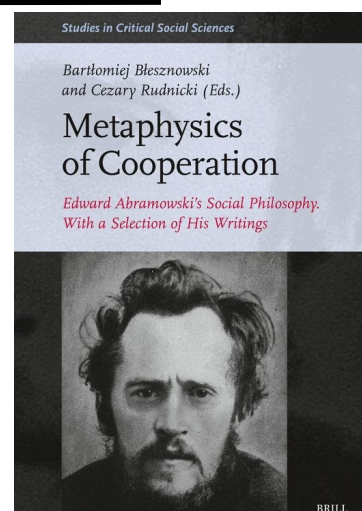
Meanwhile, Political Theology's Publishing House published a new translation of Plato's *Hippias Major* prepared by Artur Pacewicz, who also wrote a commentary for the text.



Oeuvre of Edward Abramowski

Brill published the book *Metaphysics of Cooperation: Edward Abramowski's Social Philosophy with a Selection of His Writings* co-edited by dr Cezary Rudnicki.

The book presents the work of the Polish cooperative socialist and pioneer of social sciences, Edward Abramowski. The book is divided into five parts, each analysing the oeuvre of the Polish philosopher by themes he addressed (sociology, ethics, politics, cooperativism, psychology) and includes also a selection of his works.



On Silesian-Austrian cultural dialogue

Harrassowitz Verlag Publishing House published a multi-author monograph titled *Schlesisch-österreichische Kulturbeziehungen vom Barockzeitalter bis zur Gegenwart* edited by dr Krzysztof Huszcza and prof. Edwarda Białka, including a chapter by dr Joanna Giel titled "Schlesien als Thema von Max Kalbecks Feuilleton-Artikeln aus seiner Wiener Zeit".

The chapter is a result of dr Giel's cooperation with the Institute of German Studies UWr and presents results of the research on Silesian-Austrian cultural dialogue conducted by dr Giel for several years.

Relations between N. Hartmann and J. Ortega y Gasset

Peter Lang published the latest monographic book by dr hab. **Dorota Leszczyna**, prof. UWr titled "Relaciones intelectuales entre Nicolai Hartmann y José Ortega y Gasset en los años 1906-1914".

The book concerns intellectual relationships between N. Hartmann and J. Ortega y Gasset, analysed based on their previously unknown and unpublished correspondence.

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Dorota Leszczyna

Relaciones intelectuales entre Nicolai Hartmann y José Ortega y Gasset en los años 1906-1914

We were there, too!

We participated in multiple events in Poland and abroad. It's impossible to list all of them, but we will present some of our activities.

On 21-22 June, there was the 1st Congress of Security Sciences focused on "Paradigms, Object of Cognition, Subdisciplines", organised by the Pomeranian University in Słupsk. It was attended by representatives of the Institute of International Studies and Security: dr hab. **Krzysztof Kociubiński**, prof. UW, dr hab. **Piotr Marszałek**, prof. UW, dr **Katarzyna Jędrzejczyk-Kuliniak**, dr **Marek Kulczycki** and Ph.D. students: mgr **Piotr Kosiorek** and mgr **Mateusz Repczyński**.

On 10-13 September, dr hab. **Elżbieta Opiłowska**, prof. UW of the Institute of Sociology took part in the international conference "Borderlands facing a polycrisis in the 21st century. Resilience and future perspectives of cross-border relations". The event was co-organised by the Centre for Regional and Borderlands Studies of the Institute of Sociology of the University of Wrocław, cooperating with the Institute of Political Science and Public Administration of the University of Opole, Saarland University, University of Victoria and Jean Monnet Network "Borders, Human-to-Military Security Database".

Dr **Paweł Wróblewski** of the Institute of Philosophy participated in the 88th Slavic Literary Meeting (online) organised by the Department of Russian Literature and Culture of the Institute of Slavic Studies, University of Wrocław. Dr Wróblewski delivered a lecture "From the icon of Christ to the icon of Putin or the transformations of Russian Orthodoxy resulting from the war in Ukraine".

Dr **Mateusz Karolak**, dr **Agata Krasowska** and dr hab. **Adam Mrozowicki**, prof. UW of the Institute of Sociology took part in the 20th World Congress of the International Sociological Association in Melbourne.

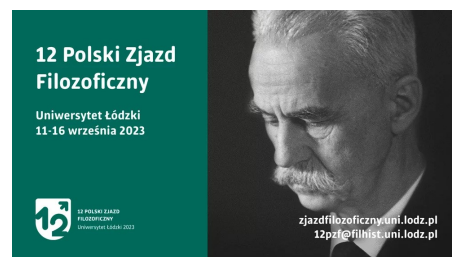
On 4-8 September, the ECPR General Conference was held at Charles University in Prague. The Institute of Political Science was represented by: dr **Michał Kuś**, dr **Kamil Błaszczewski**, dr hab. **Piotr Sula**, prof. UW, dr **Paweł Nowakowski**, dr **Katarzyna Domagała**, dr **Aleksandra Moroska-Bonkiewicz** and Ph.D. student **Aleksandr Kuklin**.

At the meeting of the 16th Pan-European Conference on International Relations, organised by the European International Studies Association and held in Potsdam on 5-9 September, the Institute of International Studies and Security was represented by: dr hab. **Magdalena Ratajczak**, prof. UW, dr hab. **Jarosław Jarząbek** and dr **Justyna Arendarska**.

Dr **Wojciech Ufel** of the Institute of Political Science attended the seminar on "Deliberation, civic panels and minipublics on environmental issues. State of research in Poland", held at the premises of the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences. This event was co-organised by the research team analysing the political nature of Anthropocene which works at the Faculty of Social Sciences, the Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN) and the Environmental Sociology Section of the Polish Sociological Association. The seminar was held on 20 June.

On 11-16 September, the University of Łódź hosted the Twelfth Polish Congress of Philosophy. The Institute of Philosophy of the University of Wrocław was represented by: prof. dr hab. **Adam Chmielewski**, dr hab. **Maciej Dombrowski**, dr hab. **Leon Miodoński**, prof. UW, dr hab. **Artur Pacewicz**, prof. UW, dr **Piotr Martin**, dr **Karol Morawski**, dr **Elżbieta Walerich**, as well as dr **Magdalena Hoły-Łuczaj**, who joined the Institute's staff in October.

Dr **Marlena Piotrowska** of the Institute of Political Science took part in a summer seminar for alumni of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), organised by Universität Passau in Germany. The main theme of the seminar held on 17-21 July concerned war and peace – conflicts and their instrumentalisation in Eastern Europe and Caucasus.



Congress of Philosophy



Conference on "Borderlands facing a polycrisis"



16th Pan-European Conference on International Relations



Dr Piotrowska in Passau



Seminar on deliberation, civic panels and minipublics

USA, Jordan, Georgia or maybe Tanzania?

With the Vice-Dean for International Cooperation, dr hab. Magdalena Ratajczak, prof. UWr, we discuss possibilities of foreign mobility for students of the Faculty of Social Sciences, including exchange programmes, summer schools, conferences and workshops.

Some of our Readers have just started their studies at the University of Wrocław and may be wondering what are the possibilities of foreign mobility offered by the University within its international cooperation?

One of the most popular exchange programmes is ERASMUS+, offering a possibility to study at many European and non-European universities. I really encourage students to apply for this programme. Erasmus offers an opportunity to study at prestigious universities, improves our cultural and language competencies, but it is also a great chance to spend wonderful time abroad and visit new places. Students have also access to the internship offer of CEEPUS, especially if they are interested in countries of Central, Eastern and Southern Europe. One should also remember about government fellowships. Besides, the University has concluded multiple bilateral agreements which cover also student exchange. Finally, there is a broad offer of summer and winter schools. It is good to follow the website of the International Office of the University of Wrocław,

where the news tab includes the offer of programmes, summer and winter schools. For instance, at the moment, enrolment is open for DAAD internships to be realised in Germany, as well as additional enrolment for Erasmus+ for the summer term. The University is also one of the partners of the Arqus network, along with universities in Granada, Leipzig, Lyon, Padua, Mihno, Vilnius and Maynooth. At the Arqus website, in "Students" tab you will find a lot of options for students – from online lectures to mobility, summer schools and workshops.

What propositions are there for students of the Faculty of Social Sciences? What should one do to take such an opportunity, where should one apply?

All Institutes at the Faculty implement the Erasmus+ programme. We have signed several dozen agreements. We will soon announce the enrolment schedule for the next academic year. Besides, every year we apply for Erasmus+ internships in countries outside the European Union.

This year, we obtained internships in Jordan, USA, Canada and other countries. I recommend contacting programme coordinators – their data are available at the Institutes' websites. For students of M.A. studies at the Institute of International Relations and Security, we offer a double degree programme (two diplomas in two years) at the University in Padua and University in Bochum, and the Institute of Political Science has a similar programme with the University in Tbilisi. There are also many bilateral agreements, including with universities in Ukraine.

What are the Faculty's plans for international cooperation?

In October we are going to sign an agreement with the University of Naples within the double degree programme at the Institute of International Relations and Security. The Institute of Political Science is working on a similar agreement with the University in Leipzig.

Useful links:

<https://uwr.edu.pl/sojusz-arqus/>

<https://international.uni.wroc.pl/>

<https://wns.uwr.edu.pl/studenci/wymiany-studenckie/>



Magdalena Ratajczak

Upon the initiative of dr Anna Cichecka, the Institute of Sociology started cooperation with the University in Dar as Saalam, Tanzania – it will also include student and Ph.D. candidates exchange, as well as many lectures and seminars. The Institute of Philosophy enhances its cooperation with Southern Illinois University.

It is very important for us to continue cooperation within agreements we've had for years, including Erasmus Mundus at the Institute of Sociology and at the Institute of International Relations and Security. We also welcome students to attend conferences, workshops and lectures we organise together with our foreign partners.

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STUDENTS AND Ph.D. CANDIDATES SCIENTIFIC ZONE

A conference on democracy

The XXII International Student Conference 'Politics and Society in Central and Eastern Europe' was held on 1 June.



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The main theme of the meeting concerned democracy. The participants listened to the conference presentations, but also to the keynote lecture delivered by dr **Mateusz Zieliński** of the Institute of Political Science („Democracy without representation? Theory, crisis, and the chance for the rebuilding of the significance of political representation”).

On social participation

Students of the Social Projects Management who attended the course in “Social participation in Poland” taught by dr **Marlena Piotrowska** of the Institute of Political Science met with employees of the Department of Social Participation of Wrocław Municipal Office. The meeting, held at ODLOT. Strefa Partycypacji, was a chance to confront theory with practice and to expand knowledge on social consultations and participatory budgeting in Wrocław. The meeting was held in June.

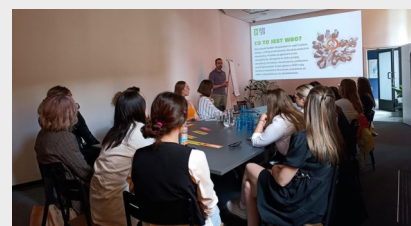


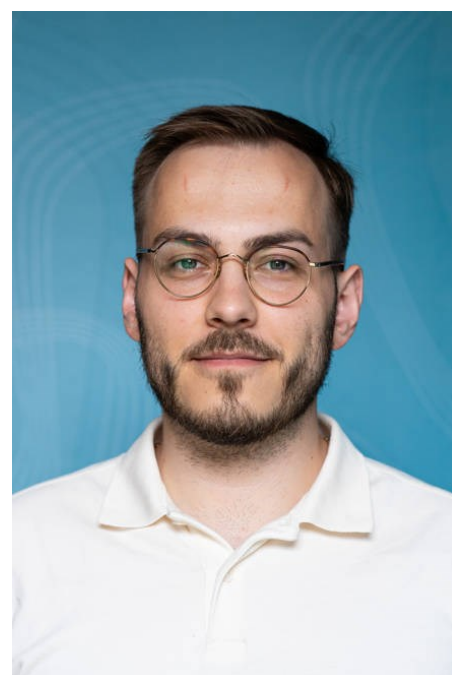
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An internship in Oslo

Mgr **Wojciech Kilan**, Ph.D. student at the Doctoral College in Philosophy, had an internship at the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO).

During the visit between 10 and 21 June, mgr **Wojciech Kilan** started cooperation with dr Gregory Reichberg, modern researcher of St. Thomas Aquinas' thought. The internship was a part of the grant implemented by mgr Kilan and funded by the National Science Centre within the Preludium 21 programme, titled "Thomistic Ethics of Lethal Actions of State".

PRIO specialises in research on peaceful relations between states, groups and individuals, asking what supports social integration and what may lead to disintegration of societies.



Wojciech Kilan

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STUDENTS AND Ph.D. CANDIDATES SCIENTIFIC ZONE

ATTENTION FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS in the academic year 2023/24

(concerns students of undergraduate studies, graduate studies, five-year graduate studies and doctoral studies)

Training on health and safety and fire protection available only as an e-learning course

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is the responsibility of each student commencing studies at the University of Wrocław to participate in training on health and safety and fire protection. The course is mandatory and ends with a test. Training is considered to be completed on the basis of minutes of the training.

The training in the field of occupational health and safety and fire protection lasts from **1 October to 30 November 2023**.

Login instruction for initial health and safety training for students and PhD students

Registration and course of training:

1. Go to the website: <https://e-edu.cko.uni.wroc.pl/course/view.php?id=283601>
2. Sign up for the course using the access key: **HaS2024**
3. Familiarize yourself with the modules of the course and complete the test. The materials should be viewed from the "Introduction to training" module according to the order of the course. Pay attention to the completion symbols on the right side of the modules.
4. Check your grade after completing the test!

Any information about the above matter is provided by the Department of Health and Safety and Fire Protection - (71) 375-24-89.

Technical Support : cko@uwr.edu.pl

Dates of classes for part-time students in winter term of 2023/2024:

1. 7-8.10.2023
2. 21-22.10.2023
3. 4-5.11.2023
4. 18-19.11.2023
5. 25-26.11.2023
6. 9-10.12.2023
7. 16-17.12.2023
8. 13-14.01.2024
9. 20-21.01.2024
10. 27-28.01.2024

Your student group on FB

Looking for your student group on FB? The University of Wrocław prepared a list of all groups is for you - to be found at: <https://uwr.edu.pl/dolacz-do-grupy-swojego-kierunku-na-fb/>

Or a science club maybe?

Our Faculty has several interesting science clubs, including KISS, Partner, and even Symposium. Sounds fascinating? Check <https://wns.uwr.edu.pl/studenci/studenckie-kola-naukowe/> and learn more!

You're welcome to visit the new website of the Faculty of Social Sciences: <https://wns.uwr.edu.pl/>



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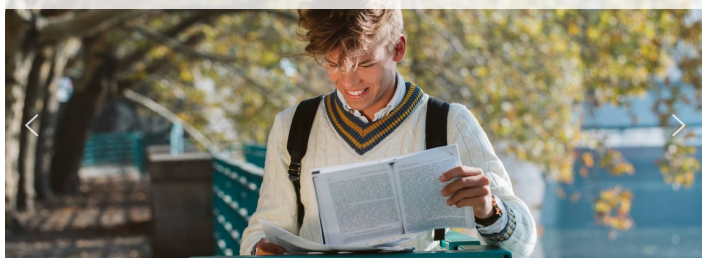
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Witamy na Wydziale Nauk Społecznych, jednym z największych wydziałów Uniwersytetu Wrocławskiego!

No stress page ;-)

Our representatives at Mars rover race ;-)

On 15-17 September dr hab. Bartosz Smolik of the Institute of Political Science and part-time students of Social Projects Management took part in the 9th European Rover Challenge. Good for you!

And what does it mean, you may ask?! ERC is an annual international event with teams from all over the world competing in a Mars rover contest. Our students of Social Projects Management (part-time studies) were there as volunteers which allowed them to take part in different stages of the event, including a chance to learn about interesting space agencies and associations. Is that cosmos enough? You are welcome to check the report of the event along with more photos at: <https://wns.uwr.edu.pl/2023/09/18/nasi-na-zawodach-lazikow-marsjanskich/>!

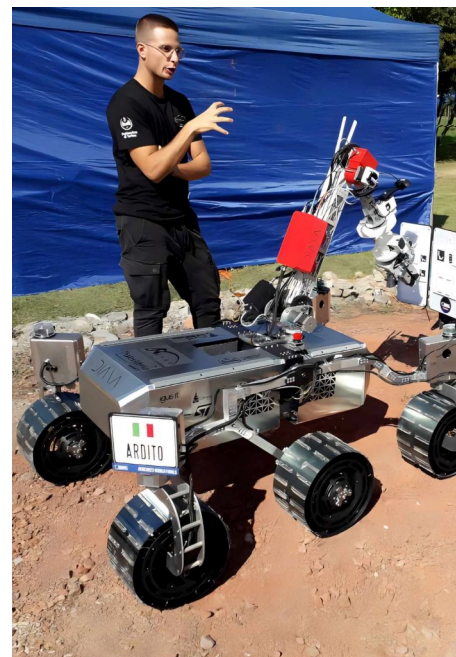


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What do students dislike about instructors?

At the very start of the new academic year, let's have a look at... evaluation questionnaires filled in by students. A moment of reflection, a starting point for a discussion at new courses, or maybe an idea to use this... knowledge?

- Cancelling classes at the last moment, being late for classes, prolonging classes, extracurricular number of classes,
- Classes organised too early / too late,
- Improper attitude of the instructor toward students (negative comments about students' statements, improper comments about students, attitude dependent on the instructor's humour),
- Diverging from the course theme, discussing questions outside the programme, too extensive readings,
- Speaking too fast, skipping from one topic to another, tasks assigned for Christmas/Easter holidays,
- Assigning too many tasks at the end of the term,
- Interrupting students,
- Monotonous classes, reading materials from old notes, requiring students to "recite" the assigned materials,
- Commands that are impossible to understand, political preferences, criticising other opinions,
- Too difficult language,
- Asking personal questions,
- Holding classes despite being sick,
- Applying lip gloss during students' presentations.

Developed based on results of evaluation questionnaires at the Faculty of Social Sciences

Where is Darek?

There is the one day... or maybe even two, when the director of the Institute of Political Science can be found only in one place ;-)

When you wonder what happens, how, will it or will it not, then there appears the post on Facebook: "Greetings from the Castle Party sent by Darek Skrzypiński"



Photo: private archive of Dariusz Skrzypiński

... and you just know it's all as it should be ;-). The festival is completed, so back to work!

A BUFFET at the Institute of Political Science!!!

Those who can still remember the smell of coffee, a warm lunch and a place for nice discussions, know how much we missed the buffet! Starting beginning of the academic year 2023/2024, the outlet opens again. The menu is not completely ready yet, but even on the first day of classes, you'll be able to eat a vegetable soup (10 zł), for instance.

For those who don't know what we're talking about, the buffet is on the ground floor of the Institute of Political Science.

We also remind you that you can catch a snack at the Institute of International Studies and Security, too. Enjoy!



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Schedule of meetings 2023/2024:

	Rectors and Deans College	Senate	Deans College	Council of the Faculty
X – 2023	18.10.2023	25.10.2023	13.10.2023	20.10.2023
XI – 2023	15.11.2023	22.11.2023	24.11.2023	-
XII – 2023	13.12.2023	20.12.2023	-	1.12.2023
I – 2024	17.01.2024	24.01.2024	19.01.2024	26.01.2024
II – 2024	14.02.2024	21.02.2024	23.02.2024	-
III – 2024	13.03.2024	20.03.2024	-	1.03.2024
IV – 2024	17.04.2024	24.04.2024	19.04.2024	26.04.2024
V – 2024	15.05.2024	22.05.2024	17.05.2024	24.05.2024
VI – 2024	12.06.2024	19.06.2024	21.06.2024	28.06.2024
IX – 2024	18.09.2024	25.09.2024	20.09.2024	27.09.2024

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