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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Here comes the latest issue of the Faculty Bulletin, describing our activities in the last three months. This was a time of hard work, as evidenced by the content of the bulletin: information on research projects (including those by prof. Andrzej Polus, prof. Beata Ociepka, prof. Radosław Kuliniak and dr Stanisław Krawczyk), published monographs, participation in many interesting scientific and educational events in Poland and abroad, as well as your contributions at important expert and research forums. I am especially happy about our international activities and our students' activities which translate to multiple awards and prizes. I warmly congratulate you on all the achievements! You are welcome to read the Bulletin and find out how many of them there were.

It was also wonderful to hear the latest news: the Institute of Sociology received the conclusions from the Polish Accreditation Committee informing that the major in sociology has fulfilled all evaluation criteria, and in some cases good practices were indicated that could serve as a model for other universities. Congratulations!

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We have finished another year of working together, full of interesting scientific and educational events, but many challenges, too. On behalf of the Deans' College, I thank you very much for your commitment to work for our Faculty's community. We notice every instance of this commitment, realising that all awards – including those granted to our Faculty within the University's competitions – arise from our joint effort and great atmosphere we share at work.

For the approaching Christmas we wish you above all rest and relax, good time spent with your loved ones, joy and health. For the New Year, we wish you hope to fulfil your dreams and faith to implement your plans. See you in 2024!

Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences

prof. dr hab. Robert Alberski



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Vice-Dean for Science and Development - dr hab. **Mateusz Błaszczuk**, prof. UW, Vice-Dean for International Cooperation - dr hab. **Magdalena Ratajczak**, prof. UW, Vice-Dean for Education - dr hab. **Marta Ryniejska-Kiełdanowicz**, Dean - prof. dr hab. **Robert Alberski**, Vice-Dean for Student Affairs - dr hab. **Jacek Zieliński**, prof. UW.

Wrocław Security Summit 2023

On 5-6 December, the Faculty of Social Sciences hosted the international scientific conference "NATO and the EU strategic military and civilian cooperation in the post-Crimean Era". This event was co-funded within the NATO Public Diplomacy Division's Co-Sponsorship Grants and it had the patronage of NATO's Headquarters in Brussels.

This year's event was the third edition of the conference. This time, discussions were mostly devoted to the strategic civilian and military cooperation between NATO and UE after annexation of Crimea in 2014 and the role of these two international actors in maintaining global security. The summit was attended by many scholars and experts from Central-Eastern Europe, United States, Canada, Republic of South Africa, Ukraine, Georgia, Greece, Turkey and Portugal who took part in discussions concerning challenges that face NATO and EU.

Among the subjects discussed, there were enlargement of NATO, cooperation between NATO and EU in the context of the war in Ukraine, challenges associated with China's activities on the international arena, meaning of climate change and sustainable development commitments for NATO and EU.

The conference's honorary patrons were the Rector of the University of Wrocław and the Mayor of Wrocław, while its patrons included the Office of the European Commission in Poland and the Office of the European Parliament in Wrocław.



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The conference was a chance to hold many interesting discussions



The participants spoke about challenges facing NATO and EU

Conference partners:

University of North Georgia (USA)
Dalhousie University in Halifax (Canada)
Stellenbosch University (Republic of South Africa)
Panteion University in Athens (Greece)
Nişantaşı Üniversitesi in Istanbul (Turkey)
University of Minho – School of Law (Portugal)

Institute of Central Europe
University of Žilina (Slovakia)
Baltic Defence College (Estonia)
Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (Ukraine)
International Centre for Security and Partnership (Ukraine)
Tbilisi State University (Georgia)
National University of Lviv (Ukraine)

Representation of the Faculty in the Scientific Committees of the Polish Academy of Sciences

Representatives of the Faculty of Social Sciences were elected to the Scientific Committees of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

In the new term, starting 2024, the following will be members of the Committees:

- prof. dr hab. **Adam Chmielewski** (Institute of Philosophy) in the Committee of Philosophical Sciences,
 - dr hab. **Ewa Banaszak**, prof. UWr (Institute of Sociology) and dr hab. **Adam Mrozowicki**, prof. UWr (Institute of Sociology) in the Committee of Sociology,
 - prof. dr hab. **Robert Alberski** (Institute of Political Science), prof. dr hab. **Beata Ociepka** (Institute of International Studies and Security) and prof. dr hab. **Przemysław Żukiewicz** (Institute of Political Science) in the Committee of Political Science.
- Congratulations!



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Seminar on politics and European studies

On 8 December, there was a scientific seminar concerning changes in the European policies of Poland after the elections and challenges before European studies.

The seminar had two panels attended by invited representatives of the Institute of European Studies and other academic institutions specialising in European studies. The participants of the panel concerning the future of Poland's European policies were: dr hab. **Magdalena Góra**, prof. UJ, prof. dr hab. **Zbigniew Czachór** (UAM) – president of the Polish Association for European Studies, prof. dr hab. **Anna Paczeńskiak**, dr hab. **Paweł Turczyński**, prof. UW.

Meanwhile, issues related with didactic and scientific challenges for European studies were tackled by dr hab. **Beata Przybylska-Maszner** prof. UAM, dr hab. **Krzysztof Koźbiał**, prof. UJ, dr hab. **Małgorzata Michalewska-Pawlak**, dr hab. **Rafał Juchnowski**.

This was the first scientific event hosted by the newly-established Institute of European Studies, organised in cooperation with the Polish Association for European Studies which celebrated its 10th anniversary.

The event's patrons were the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences prof. dr hab. **Robert Alberski** and the Rector dr hab. **Robert Olkiewicz**, prof. UW.

Environmental communication and climate diplomacy

On 30 November and 1 December at the Faculty of Social Sciences, there was a conference devoted to environmental communication and climate diplomacy facing global threats.

The conference was attended not only by representatives of science, but also professionals involved in communication on everyday basis for whom climate crisis and sustainable development postulates are not only context, but also the subject of communication. The conference was a dialogue platform between scientists and representatives of other public institutions concerning cooperation in responsible environmental communication.

The conference's special guests were: prof. **Franziska Weder** of Vienna University of Business and Economics,



Photo of participants of the conference

whose lecture concerned strategic communication about sustainable development, prof. **Tomasz Kamiński** of the University of Łódź, who delivered a lecture on cities as producers of environmental knowledge in transnational urban networks, as well as prof. **Alberto Lanzavecchia** of the University in Padua, who referred to challenges involved in alleviating climate change.

Additionally, the conference reserved time for presentations of students who spoke about their research results obtained within the Environmental Communication Research Group project supervised by dr **Bartłomiej Łódzki**.

The event was organised by the Department of International Communication and the interdisciplinary research team "Environmental

communication in the context of global threats" #ENVCRE.

The Conference had the patronage of the Intercultural & International Communication Section of the Polish Communication Association. Its partners were International Environmental Communication Association (IECA) and Human Rights Centre of the University in Padua.

Games, workshops, study visits, or all extracurricular education initiatives

In the competition for extracurricular educational initiatives, the Rectors' College decided to award funding to as many as four initiatives at our Faculty.

At the Institute of Political Science :

- Innovative workshops: nongovernmental organisations in practice and City Game – design and implement – both organised by a team supervised by dr hab. **Dorota Moroń**, prof. UW, and dr **Andrzej Ferens**.
- Animator of social projects – managed by dr **Andrzej Ferens**.

At the Institute of European Studies:

- Faces of modern radicalism - leader: dr hab. **Piotr Grabowiec**, prof. UW,
- Practical aspect of international relations – a series of study visits – coordinators: dr **Jakub Bornio** and dr **Marcin Adamczyk**.

Congratulations on the success so far and good luck in implementation of the initiatives.

Academic tutoring at the Faculty of Social Sciences

The first sessions of personalised education held at the Faculty.

The first academic tutoring sessions have been held at the Institute of Sociology (by dr hab. **Katarzyna Kajdanek**, prof. UW) and at the Institute of Political Science (by dr **Dorota Draluś** and dr **Katarzyna Zalas-Kamińska**). The developmental education sessions are meant for students of the Faculty and they can be organised in developmental, scientific or professional forms depending on the student's interests.

The objective is to work to develop one's potential within personalised education method.

The tutoring lasts 15 hours, it requires completion, but is not graded and upon completion the student obtains 2 ECTS credits.

More on tutoring at the University of Wrocław:

<https://szkolatutorow.uwr.edu.pl/tutoring/>

Karol as a mentor

Dr Karol Szulc of the Institute of Political Science was nominated again as the ambassador of TopMinds programme by the Polish-America Council of the Fulbright Commission in Poland.

Dr Szulc will act as a mentor within the international exchange programme meant to open doors to international career for young scientists from Poland. This year's edition is meant for people of passion and ambition, who already work on a doctoral thesis at a Polish university (or another scientific and research institution) and are outstanding in science, as well as for students of the final year of master studies planning their future in science.



Didactics awards for employees of our Faculty!

In mid-October the first edition of the didactics competition was settled! There were 125 applications submitted in the competition, including 23 from our Faculty.

Among the 50 laureates there were our employees:

dr Jakub Bornio of the Institute of European Studies,
 dr Anna Jagiełło-Szostak of the Institute of International Studies and Security,
 dr hab. Jarosław Jarząbek, prof. UW of the Institute of International Studies and Security,
 dr hab. Katarzyna Kajdanek, prof. UW of the Institute of Sociology,
 dr Katarzyna Jędrzejczyk-Kuliniak of the Institute of International Studies and Security,
 dr hab. Krzysztof Kociubiński, prof. UW of the Institute of International Studies and Security,
 dr hab. Małgorzata Michalewska-Pawlak of the Institute of European Studies,
 dr hab. Dorota Moroń, prof. UW of the Institute of Political Science,
 dr hab. Magdalena Ratajczak, prof. UW of the Institute of International Studies and Security,
 dr hab. Marek Wróblewski, prof. UW of the Institute of International Studies and Security.
 Congratulations!

This competition was held within the IDUB programme "The best of the best – in search of excellence in teaching".

About the situation in Belarus

Prof. **Nikolay Ivanov**, historian, former Soviet dissident, citizen of the Soviet Union and active partner of "Solidarity" and "Fighting Solidarity" in 1981-1989, author of multiple articles published in samizdat in the communist Poland, currently employee of the University of Opole, was a guest at the Institute of European Studies. During the meeting, he spoke about the current situation in Belarus and about the complicated relations between Minsk and Warsaw. The event was co-organised by "Za Wolność Waszą i Naszą" Foundation.

On globalisation and developmental studies

On 9 and 13 November, the Institute of International Studies and Security welcomed prof. **Jan Nederveen Pieterse**, professor in sociology and global studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Prof. Pieterse authored a publication on globalisation, global political economy and developmental studies. He delivered lectures: *Multipolar globalization? Iraq, Afghanistan +20 and Great Powers and Civilizations*. The events were organised as part of cooperation with the European Master in Global Studies consortium, which the University of Wrocław is a partner of.

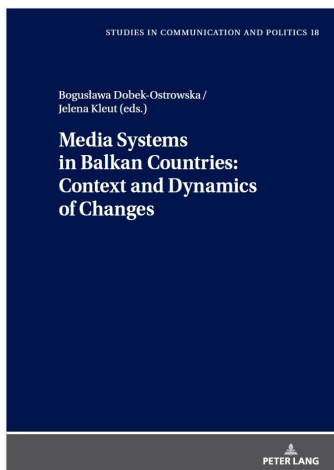
On Ukrainian revolutions

On 30 November, there was a seminar titled *Two decades of Ukrainian revolutions: from values to identity*. The event was organised by the Department of Eastern Studies at the University of Wrocław in cooperation with Centre for Transcultural Post-Totalitarian Studies UW, International Security and Strategic Studies Department of Ivan Franko National University of Lviv and International Security and Partnership Centre.

Scientific conference and farewell to prof. Bogusława Dobek-Ostrowska

On 27 October, the Institute of Political Science hosted an international scientific conference "Three decades after the collapse of communism: Central and Eastern Europe on the world map of communication and media research". The event was a chance to bid farewell to the retiring prof. **Bogusława Dobek-Ostrowska**, for many years the head of the Department of Social Communication and Journalism.

The objective of the event was to discuss forms of distributing publications concerning Central and Eastern Europe and presentation of study results connected to dynamics of the change of media systems in Balkan states. The problems of transformation of media systems at the Balkan Peninsula as well as Romania and Slovenia were explored in the multi-author volume edited by prof. **Bogusława Dobek-Ostrowska** and prof. **Jelena Klaut**, published by Peter Lang.



This book, titled "**Media Systems in Balkan Countries: Context and Dynamics of Changes**" includes a presentation of the political, social, economic and technological conditions in each of the studied countries, referring also to the issues of journalism standards and media responsibility.

The event was attended by employees of the University of Wrocław and representatives of many Polish and foreign research institutions.

During the meeting, profesor **Dobek-Ostrowska** received a souvenir scientific monograph on theory and practice of social communication, developed specifically for this occasion. The event offered an opportunity to thank prof. **Dobek-Ostrowska** for her contribution to research on social and political communication, as well as for educating generations of students.

Dear Professor, thank you for so many years of inspiring cooperation and we wish you all the best!



Bogusława Dobek-Ostrowska

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Participants of one of the panels

Disability simulatorium

The Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Wrocław will have a teaching lab called "Simulatorium of disabilities".

The application obtained funding within a competition organised by the Rector – the Fund for Financing Teaching Labs. The application was written by dr **Dariusz Szrejder** of the Institute of Sociology, member of the Wrocław Without Barriers Office, involved for over two decades in assisting people with disabilities.

In the lab, students of social work and other fields will have a chance to experience age-related changes to our ability thanks to the senile health simulator, as well as feel for themselves for a moment how people function with Parkinson's disease.



Dariusz Szrejder

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You are welcome to read an interview with dr Dariusz Szrejder:

<https://uwr.edu.pl/na-uwr-powstanie-symulatorium-niepelnosprawnosci-rozmowa/>

Polish Accreditation Committee: 10 out of 10 for the Institute of Sociology!!!

On 26-27 October, the major in sociology was inspected by the Polish Accreditation Committee. And...

...the Institute of Sociology has received conclusions of the inspection by PKA. Sociology has met all ten criteria, and in some cases the Committee pointed out good practices which may serve as a model for other universities. We are waiting for the official resolution of the Board which will - undoubtedly – include a positive assessment and set the next inspection date in six years. Congratulations to all employees of the Institute of Sociology whose great effort allowed for this excellent success at the inspection.

Meeting of the Council of Stakeholders of the Institute of Political Science

On 18 December, the Council of Stakeholders of the Institute of Political Science held a meeting, discussing various questions, especially cooperation.



The meeting with the directors of the Institute was attended by: **Wojciech Adamski** (TBS Wrocław), **Tomasz Chmielewski** (Clearcode Services S.A.), **Tomasz Duda** (Radio Rodzina), **Radosław Michalski** (Municipal Office in Wrocław), **Agata Potarzycka-Szczerba** (Potarzycka Consulting), **Marcin Skocz** ("Semper Avanti" Foundation), **Ewa Skrzywanek** (Wrocławskie Centrum Doskonalenia Nauczycieli), **Laurynas Vaičiūnas** (College of Eastern Europe). The meeting concerned various forms of cooperation in near future.

Interdisciplinary approach to philosophy, theology and literature

On 14-16 September in Odrzychowice Kłodzkie, there was a scientific conference titled "Interdisciplinary approach to philosophy, theology and literature".



This was the 14th edition of the conference, organised regularly by the interdisciplinary Research Team of the Institute of Philosophy of the University of Wrocław along with the Institute of the Systematic Theology of the Pontifical Faculty of Theology in Wrocław. The scientific leader on the part of the Institute of Philosophy is dr hab. **Leon Miodoński**, prof. UWr. The Institute was also represented by prof. dr hab. **Jan Krasicki**, dr hab. **Leszek Kleszcz**, prof. UWr and dr **Joanna Giel**. The conference was also attended by scholars from the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Wrocław University of Science and Technology, Kujawy and Pomorze University in Bydgoszcz and Evangelical School of Theology. The conference's special guest was prof. **Kenneth Stickers** of Southern Illinois University.

Prof. Miodoński in the Polish Accreditation Committee

Dr hab. **Leon Miodoński**, prof. UWr, head of the Department of German Philosophy and Centre for History of Lower Silesian Philosophy of the Institute of Philosophy was elected a member of the Polish Accreditation Committee for 2024-2027.

Our voice in Brussels

Dr hab. **Karolina Borońska-Hryniewiecka**, prof. UWr of the Institute of Political Science took part in development of the report of the High Level Group on Bolstering EU Democracy, prepared by two European think tanks: Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) and German Institute for International and Security Affairs.

Philosophy for Poland

The project "Philosophy for Poland" led by prof. dr hab. **Radosław Kuliniak** of the Institute of Philosophy acquired funding within a competition "Foundations" in the National Programme for the Development of Humanities (competition 13). Congratulations!

Lectures in Berlin

Dr hab. **Adam Mrozowski**, prof. UWr of the Institute of Sociology was at Erasmus Plus mobility at Freie Universität Berlin, Osteuropa-Institut, invited by Dr PD Mihai Varga. He held classes for students and took part in meetings related to research within projects INCA, Endure and Cowork.

Modern farming

What is the model of a modern farmer and do constitutive features of this model translate (and how) to willingness to implement biological innovations at farms? Answers to these and other interesting questions were sought by dr **Jolanta Kluba** and dr inż. **Barbara Szczepańska**, both scholars from the Institute of Sociology, and the results of the research have been published in "Przegląd Zachodniopomorski" journal, vol. 38/2023.

First aid as a challenge for security



On 21 November, there was the 2nd training and workshop conference within the project First Aid as a Challenge for Security - BLS (Basic Life Support).

The conference was meant for management staff, researchers and instructors, administrative staff of UWr and AWL, as well as teachers of sporting schools and secondary schools which teach law-enforcement, rescue and medical programmes. The event's organiser was the Centre for Studies and Education for Security UWr cooperating with the Department of Sociology of Security and Education of the Institute of Sociology UWr and the Faculty of Security Studies of the Military University of Land Forces.

On 18 October, there was a conference "Information security policy, or (un)safe information from the attacker's perspective".

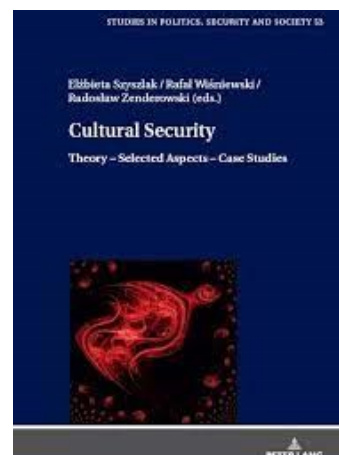
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Cultural security

Peter Lang Press published the book titled "Cultural security. Theory - Selected Aspects - Case Studies", co-edited by dr hab. Elżbieta Szyszlak, prof. UWr of the Institute of International Studies and Security.

The other scientific co-editors were dr hab. **Rafał Wiśniewski**, prof. UKSW and director of the National Centre for Culture and prof. dr hab. **Radosław Zenderowski**, of Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw.

This is the first publication in many years that offers such a comprehensive and multi-aspect exploration of cultural security, which is one of the subdisciplines of security sciences and the field of specialisation of many employees of the Institute of International Studies and Security.



Among the authors in the volume, along with prof. Szyszlak, there are dr hab. **Jarosław Jarząbek**, prof. UWr, dr hab. **Marcin Szydzisz**, dr **Anna Jagiełło-Szostak** and dr **Tomasz Szyszlak**.

Debate on human trafficking



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On 11 October at Dom Europy, there was a debate "A view of human trafficking".

It was attended by experts of the Foundation against Human Trafficking and Slavery La Strada, Regional Representation of the European Commission in Poland, NOMADA Association for Multicultural Society Integration, Prevention Division of the Regional Police Department in Wrocław and Lower Silesian Team for Counteracting Human Trafficking. The debate was moderated by dr **Agnieszka Florczak** of the Institute of Political Science.

The event was organised by the Regional Representation of the European Commission cooperating with the Office of the European Parliament in Wrocław and La Strada Foundation.

Recognition for prof. Z. J. Winnicki

Prof. Z. J. Winnicki the Institute of International Studies and Security received the medal Reipublicae Memoriae Meritum of the Institute of National Remembrance.

The chapter of the "Reipublicae Memoriae Meritum" medal recognised prof. dr hab. Zdzisław J. Winnicki for his "outstanding merit in public and social activity to commemorate history of the Polish Nation in 1917 –

1990 and to support the Institute in education, science and publishing". The medal was presented at a ceremony on 11 October 2023 at Centralny Przystanek Historia IPN im. Janusza Kurtyki in Warsaw.

On 19-20 October, the campus of Wrocław University of Science and Technology hosted the conference "The Anthropocene: from Boundaries to Bonds. Interdisciplinary Crossovers in Knowledge Development", co-organised by the Academic Research Centre "Ex-Centrum Olgi Tokarczuk" at the University of Wrocław, Faculty of the Letters UWr and Academia Europea. Plenary lectures were delivered by prof. **Jeremy Bendik-Keymer**, prof. **Dipesh Chakrabarty** and prof. **Mark Williams**. Dr Urszula Lisowska of the Institute of Philosophy was a member of the organising committee, and dr **Magdalena Hoły-Luczaj**, also of the Institute of Philosophy, spoke at one of the panels.

Three takes at Socio-Perception

The Polish political scene after the elections, solidarity in the times of crises and Finnish public policies – these were the subjects of the latest three meeting within Socio-Perception.

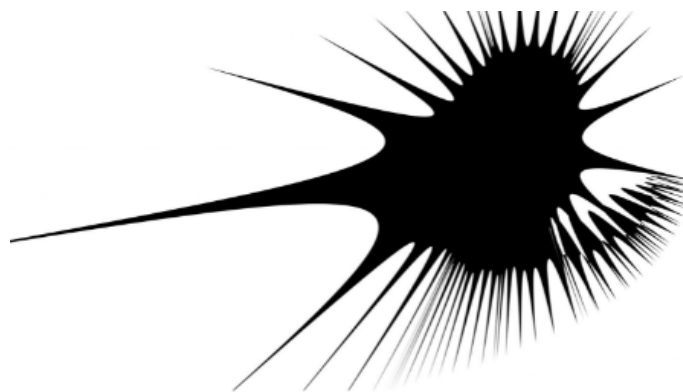
On 18 October, there was a meeting titled "Can Poland afford to become a second Finland? What can we learn from the case of Finnish public policies". Its guest was dr hab. **Wojciech Woźniak**, prof. UŁ, author of the book "Państwo, które działa. O fińskich politykach publicznych", sociologist, member of the Polish and Finnish Sociology Associations, fellow of Mieczysław Bekker programme of the Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange. The discussion was moderated by dr **Jacek Burski** of the Institute of Sociology.

Another edition of Socio-Perception was held on 22 November and it concerned the Polish political scene and social expectations after the elections.

The meeting was attended by

prof. dr hab. **Anna Paczeńska**, political and European scientist of the Institute of European Studies and mgr **Olga Gitkiewicz**, sociologist, Ph.D. candidate at UWr, reporter. The meeting was moderated by dr **Anna Cichecka** of the Institute of Sociology.

The guests of the third meeting, held on 2 December, were dr hab. **Paweł Rudnicki**, prof. at DSW University of Lower Silesia, pedagogue, political scientist, author of the book "Kto, jak nie my? Wspólnota i działanie na Dworcu Głównym we Wrocławiu" and dr **Kamil Łuczaj** of the University of Łódź, sociologist researching higher education and migration. The meeting was moderated by dr hab. **Adam Mrozowski**, prof. UWr of the Institute of Sociology.



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Goście:

dr hab. **Paweł Rudnicki**, prof. UD DSW (Uniwersytet Dolnośląski DSW) pedagog, politolog. Autor książki: „Kto, jak nie my? Wspólnota i działanie na Dworcu Głównym we Wrocławiu (marzec-kwiecień 2022)”

dr **Kamil Łuczaj** (Uniwersytet Łódzki)
socjolog, badacz szkolnictwa wyższego i migracji

Lectures on philosophy within IDUB

From October to December, the Institute of Philosophy welcomed outstanding foreign scholars.

On 8 – 22 October, prof. **Jeremy Bendik-Keymer** of Case Western Reserve University held a seminar for Ph.D. candidates titled "The Public Philosophy Movement in the Anglophone World", an open lecture at Wrocław Academic Centre "Six Practices to Make Philosophy Part of Your Home" and a plenary lecture at the conference "The Anthropocene: from Boundaries to Bonds. Interdisciplinary Crossovers in Knowledge Development". On 20 November – 19 December, prof. **Randall Auxier** of Southern Illinois University Carbondale delivered a series of lectures on "The Origins of Post-Cultural Studies".

The meetings were held at the Institute of Philosophy, Institute of Cultural Studies, at the Faculty of Law, Administration and Economics and at the premises of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Wrocław.

On 4-21 December, prof. **Geoffrey Bowe** of Istanbul Technical University delivered a series of lectures about "Classical Greek Philosophy: From natural science to humanism". The visit involved also a presentation on "Anaxagoras and Plato: From Natural Science to Socratic Humanism" held at the premises of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Wrocław.

Angelus Silesius and Jakob Boehme

On 24 November, at Klub Muzyki i Literatury in Wrocław, there was a meeting titled "Angelus Silesius and Jakob Boehme: two foundations of the Silesian spirituality".

The event started with an introduction by prof. dr hab. **Maciej Manikowski** of the Institute of Philosophy. Then, there was a screening of fictionalised documentary "Jakub Boehme – life and work" directed by **Łukasz Chwałko**.





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Wstęp wolny

The Faculty of Social Sciences has new doctors and new doctors habil.!

On 27 October, the Aula Leopoldina of the University of Wrocław was a place of the ceremony of promoting new doctors and doctors habil.



Photo by: Paweł Piotrowski/UWr

Ceremony of presenting diplomas

On 27 October, at Aula Leopoldina of the University of Wrocław, there was a ceremony of presenting diplomas of graduation from 1st- and 2nd-cycle studies at the Faculty of Social Sciences. In the academic year of 2022/2023, studies at our Faculty were completed by 457 graduates at 1st cycle and 247 at 2nd cycle.



Photo by: Paweł Piotrowski/UWr

Relationships in the area of culture and heritage protection on the verge of the digital era

Mutual perceptions in Eastern and Western Europe are the subject of the international project within which one working group is led by prof. dr hab. Beata Ociepka of the Institute of International Studies and Security. Dr Julia Trzcińska of the Institute of Political Science is involved in the project, too.

Focusing on confronting the East with the West, the project explores possibilities to build transnational relationships in the area of culture and heritage protection as a pillar of cultural diplomacy. Taking into account six European states – France, the Netherlands, Germany, Poland, Slovakia, Romania – the project analyses mutual perceptions in the east and west of Europe through the prism of intercultural communication.

The project will join scholars and professionals from cultural institutes, artists and representatives of creative industries to explore current difficulties from diverging interpretation of historic events to challenges of digital media revolution.

The objective is to develop new strategies, to conceptualise and stimulate intercultural meetings and exchange between the east and west. Results of this cooperation are to enhance the sector of cultural diplomacy through strengthening the role of cultural institutions as mediators of transnational European values; indicate the best and the worst practices to develop recommendations concerning new approaches and strategies, including media strategies. The project supports the inclusive approach to cultural diplomacy to counteract populist discourse and promote European narratives while considering diversity of the cultural heritage.

Prof. dr hab. **Beata Ociepka** of the Public Diplomacy Lab (Institute of International Studies and Security) at the Faculty of Social Sciences leads one of the project's working groups (WP 3). The part of the project implemented at our Faculty is aimed at disclosing postcolonial elements in relationships between various state and non-state entities in the area of cultural diplomacy in Europe and in media debates. Members of WP3 will combine methods of research of European history, mainly French-German and Polish-German relationships with analysing foreign policies (especially cultural and public diplomacy as a tool of foreign policies), as well media and communication studies.

The subject of WP3's analysis of mutual perceptions will involve narratives and interpretation frames, both in current debates and in memory policies in France, Germany and Poland.

Based on the postcolonial theory, this part of the project focuses on the question of how power relations and set practices affect cultural diplomacy in such areas as strategic communication (strategic narratives implemented through cultural diplomacy announcements), conflicts concerning memory and cultural heritage, as well bilateral exchange programmes.

Implementation of the project started in 2023 and it will last 36 months. The consortium is led by prof. **Nicole Coline** of the University in Aix-en-Provence.

Information on the project:

Horizon Europe (HORIZON)

Project: 101095171 — NARDIV

Original project title:

United in Narrative Diversity? Cultural (Ex-)Change and Mutual Perceptions in Eastern and Western Europe at the Threshold of the Digital Age.

Consortium:

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 Institut Français De Roumanie
 Protisvalor Mediterranee
 Office Franco-Allemand Pour La Jeunesse (Ofaj)
 Globsec
 Eufrak-Euroconsults Berlin

Panel discussion



On 29 November 2023 at the Institute of International Studies and Security, a panel discussion was held within this project. The discussion was titled "Colonial, Post-Colonial, Neo-Colonial, Decolonial? East-West Relations in Europe and the War in Ukraine" and it was attended by:

- **Christian U. Noack**, East European Studies, University of Amsterdam,
 - **Beata Ociepka**, Institute of International Studies and Security, University of Wrocław,
 - **Pierre-Frédéric Weber**, Institute of History, University of Szczecin,
- The discussion was moderated by dr **Julia Trzcińska** of the Institute of Political Science, University of Wrocław.

Relationships between EU and Africa – a case study

“Beyond the rhetoric of the partnership of equals. A case study of the European Union's relations with Africa” – is the title of the research project which acquired funding from the National Science Centre within the OPUS 25 scheme. The project's principal investigator is dr hab. Andrzej Polus, prof. UWr of the Institute of International Studies and Security.

The main objective of the project is to build a linguistic lexicometric model for intercultural communication between Africa and the EU. By studying four areas of cooperation: trade, development, security and migration, the model is designed to enable better understanding of how the two parties perceive each other. Thus, the project applies constructivist-reflective method as an innovative approach to studying relationships between Africa and EU. A review of the prior literature shows two main problems related

to African studies, as well as research on relationships between Africa and EU. The first problem concerns the status of social constructivism in international relations: it is treated as ontology and not as a method of empirical studies. The other problem involves conceptualisation of violence in international relations, the term that should be updated to enable understanding of the dynamic nature of modern African-European relations.

The present project concerns both those issues, as it treats social constructivism as a middle-range theory and applies epistemic violence theory which serves as an actual alternative for the dominating realist, Marxist and liberal approaches.

OPUS 25 scheme has funded 176 applications out of 2,184 proposals, which means that the success ratio in this call was only 8.06%.

Project title: Beyond the rhetoric of the partnership of equals. A case study of the European Union's relations with Africa

The project team includes employees of the Institute of International Studies and Security: dr hab. **Renata Duda**, prof. UWr, dr hab. **Bartosz Michalski**, prof. UWr, dr **Renata Kunert-Milcarz** and dr **Katarzyna Jędrzejczyk-Kuliniak** and dr **Maciej Herbut** of the Institute of Political Science.

Value of the project: 575,910 PLN.

Research cooperation in Chile

Most countries of Latin America use the same language, but publication-evidenced scientific cooperation between people from different states on this continent is very rare. Why?

This question will be addressed by dr **Stanisław Krawczyk** of the Institute of Sociology within the project „Unrecognised forms of international science communication. Regional research cooperation in Chile”, funded by the National Science Centre (Miniatura scheme). “I want to explore more closely those forms of scientific activity which are doubtlessly international but can be missed if we use the word ‘internationalisation’, practically drawing our attention mainly to prestigious publications in English” – says dr **Stanisław Krawczyk**.

Within the project, dr Krawczyk will interview Chilean scholars who are or were involved in international cooperation within Latin America. This endeavour will be supported by **Carolina Guzmán-Valenzuela**, Chilean researcher of internationalisation.

“I also intend to analyse more closely the term ‘internationalisation’, applied in Poland. Usually, we think about prestigious publications in English, but cooperation between Chile and Argentina or between Poland and Ukraine is international science, too” – adds dr **Stanisław Krawczyk**.

Dr Krawczyk will travel to Chile in 2024, but he will also implement a similar project in Denmark, this time concerning Nordic states. “I’m happy to be able to combine results of research in different parts of the world and strike contact with people shaped by variable scientific traditions” – he says. Congratulations and we keep our fingers crossed for implementation of the project.

More about the project:

<http://stanislawkrawczyk.pl/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Miniatura-opis-projektu.pdf>

4th edition of the internal grants competition has been settled!

Three applications by scholars from the Faculty of Social Sciences acquired funding within the competition for internal grants at UWr. The recognised projects are:

- *By-elections in 2022 in the USA. Implication for Joe Biden's presidency and elections in 2024* - dr hab. **Renata Duda**, prof. UWr of the Institute of International Studies and Security,
 - *Climate diplomacy vs. states' climate communication. Perspective of public diplomacy and national branding* – dr hab. **Marta Ryniejska-Kiełdanowicz** of the Institute of International Studies and Security,
 - *The impact of Russian-Ukrainian war on perception of the Kossack myth among the Russian and Ukrainian diaspora in post-Soviet states. Case study* - dr **Tomasz Szyszlak** of the Institute of International Studies and Security.
- Congratulations!

Together for Ukraine

On 18-19 October, there was another meeting of experts within the project “We’re there with you – Together for Ukraine”. In this project, dr **Agnieszka Florczak** of the Institute of Political Science represents the University of Wrocław in the working group developing recommendations on solutions to be applied if there is a new wave of refugees. Among the objectives of the project, there is development of mechanisms to cope with questions of migration/ seeking refuge.

The project is co-funded by the European Union with the European Regional Development Fund within the Interreg V-A Czech Republic – Poland programme and it is implemented through cooperation of the Lower Silesian Voivodeship Office – Lower Silesian Marshal's Office, Ukraina Foundation, Liberec Region and Hradec Králové Region.

Polish vs. American experience in the time of COVID-19

We discuss plans for research in New York, cooperation with Americans concerning methods of coping with post-pandemic reality and Fulbright Commission fellowship with dr hab. Adam Mrozowski, prof. UWr of the Institute of Sociology who will start his semi-annual research stay in the USA next year.

- How do you become (allegedly) the only sociologist in Poland nominated for the fellowship of the Polish-American Fulbright Commission?

I think I am not the only sociologist nominated for this fellowship in recent years, but honestly I haven't checked it. For me, this is really a great honour, but also a result of some resolve, because I applied – unsuccessfully – several years ago. For some time, I have wanted to strike closer cooperation with researchers focusing on industrial relations in the USA. I have known some people of the Research Committee on Labour Movements of the International Sociological Association, I also had an opportunity to cooperate previously with professor Virginia Doellgast on one book and within the editing board of the journal "Transfer: European Review of Labour and Research". Further, several years ago, due to the Visiting Professors programme of Wrocław Academic Centre, we invited professor Michael Burawoy of UC Berkeley, I have also known for years professor David Ost from Hobart and William School Colleges in Ithaca where I am going. All these contacts resulted in building a solid basis for my application. And its content arises directly from the need to hold a pilot study for comparative research of quality of working places and methods of coping with post-pandemic crises by employees working at public services in the state of New York.

This research will be a development and extension to the American reality of the project *COV-WORK: Socio-economic consciousness, work experiences and coping strategies of Poles in the context of the post-pandemic crisis* which I implemented with the funding by the National Science Centre.

- What does this honour mean? We know you will spend six months at the American Industrial and Labor Relations School at Cornell University? What will you be doing there?

At ILR School I will cooperate with Professor Virginia Doellgast, and my plan includes holding a dozen biographic interviews with people employed at schools, hospitals and nursing homes in the state of New York. I would also love to talk to Amazon staff in the USA, because within the projects I implement in Poland, we have interviewed a dozen employees at logistics hubs. The exact number of interviews will depend on availability of the respondents, in my application I declared between 12 and 20 interviews with people of diverse gender and ethnicity. I would like to start cooperation with ILR Worker Institute in Buffalo and New York; this institution specialises, among others, in education programmes for trade union activists.

I would love to check proximity of the Polish experience of pandemic in industries I study to the American one. For instance, I mean the significant potential of agency, bottom-up innovativeness, solidarity and self-organisation of employees facing the pandemic crisis, deficiency of human resources and equipment, as well as weak coordination by the state. I expect many similarities due to the fact that both in Poland, and the USA in the last 20 years public services were subjected to market pressure and neoliberal reforms. Importantly, for the first two months I will be joined in Ithaca by dr Jacek Burski of my Department, who acquired funding for pilot research on intern-physicians in the state of New York within the programme Initiative of Excellence – Research University. I do hope that together we can implement field studies more efficiently, because our target groups overlap and we are experienced in studying them in Poland. I may add that I have also planned short study visits and lectures in the USA: at the Sociology Department of UC Berkeley and at the Graduate School City University of New York.



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Adam Mrozowski

- When can we expect results of your cooperation on the project?

The first results will be available early in autumn. At the end of my fellowship, I should provide a report of my stay, describing also the preliminary conclusions of the research. While in the USA, I would really like to prepare an outline of at least one comparative paper concerning the situation in healthcare. I would also like to complete the book based on the COV-WORK project and start working on the theoretical framework of my own book on innovation, control, resistance and normalisation in collective labour relations.

- Good luck in implementing the project and enjoy your stay in the USA!

Results of the HEU "INCA" research projects

The project published a report on political foundation of models of capitalism development in Central and Eastern Europe, with Poland as the analysed case.

The researchers involved in the scientific project HEU "INCA" found that variations of the "dependent" capitalism in Central and Eastern Europe were questioned and transformed by the impact of crises that lasted over a decade with increasing tendencies of state intervention in economy, by aspirations of political decision makers to technologically modernise the Central and Eastern European states, but also by the influence of non-liberal and authoritarian



governments in these states on political decisions (including those concerning economies and societies).

The report was authored by dr hab. **Adam Mrozowski**, prof. UW and dr **Szymon Pilch** of the Institute of Sociology together with dr **Edgars Eihmanis** of the University of Tartu.

You can find more info on the report at:

https://inca-project.eu/...

Regions and their self-government

Implementation of the project "Regions and their self-government. Tradition, role, representation of inhabitants" has been launched by the research team from the Institute of Political Science and the Civic Education Society.

The project provides for multiple diagnostic, didactic, training, research and publicity measures which will allow participants to learn more about regions and their self-government.

The project manager is dr hab. **Marzena Cichosz**, prof. UW, and the project team includes:

dr **Małgorzata Alberska**, prof. dr hab. **Robert Alberowski**, prof. dr hab. **Miroslaw Dymarski**, dr **Andrzej Ferens**, mgr **Olga Grajek**, dr **Katarzyna Kobielska**, dr **Alicja Lisowska**, dr **Iwona Macek**, dr **Małgorzata Madej**, dr hab. **Magdalena Mikołajczyk**, dr **Marlena Piotrowska** and dr hab. **Dariusz Skrzypiński**, prof. UW.

Consultative workshop

On 15 November, there was the consultative workshop within the project "Humanitarian aid and the empowerment of Ukrainians coming to the V4 countries - good practices".

During the meeting, there was a presentation of selected good practices in assisting refugees from Ukraine which were discussed by professionals. The discussion on good practices will help in description of the practices, but also in identifying problems and developing recommendations.

The project is co-funded by the governments of Czechia, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia through Visegrad grants by the International Visegrad Fund. The Fund's mission is to promote ideas of sustainable regional cooperation in Central Europe.



The innovative workshop was held at the Institute of Political Science



The meeting included a discussion on good practices in helping refugees from Ukraine

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The project "Regions and their self-government. Tradition, role, representation of inhabitants" is co-funded by the state budget with funds assigned by the Minister of Education and Science within the "Science for the Society II" programme.

Jean Monnet Chair

From October, Jean Monnet Chair specialising in exploration of representative democracy operates at the Faculty of Social Sciences.

Previously, the Chair functioned at Willy Brandt Centre for German and European Studies.

Jean Monnet Chair is a prestigious grant from the European Union for university professors to create a chair in European studies. Within the 2021 call for proposals, the European Commission established only one Jean Monnet Chair in Poland, and it is at the University of Wrocław.

The Chair specialises in exploring European representative democracy in the time of crisis, focusing especially on the impact of the recent economic crisis and pandemic on representative democracy and its institutions in Europe. Besides its research activities, the Chair is involved in teaching and information activities, stimulating public and scholarly debate on modern politics.

The recent activities of the Chair included the workshop "Did COVID-19 pandemic contribute to centralisation or decentralisation of power?", and a lecture by dr **Felix Butzlaff** of the Central European University in Vienna concerning the Austrians' attitudes to European integration and crisis of the EU. The latter event was co-organised by the Institute of European Studies.



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The staff of Jean Monnet Chair are employees of the Institute of European Studies and Institute of Political Science. The head of the Chair is dr hab. **Aleksandra Maatsch**, prof. UWr (first on the right in the photo), and its members are prof. dr hab. **Anna Pacześniak** of the Institute of European Studies (second on the right in the photo), dr hab. **Karolina Borońska-Hryniewiecka**, prof. UWr of the Institute of Political Science (third on the right in the photo) and dr **Edgars Eihmanis** of the Institute of European Studies.

Cassirer's Centre for International Scholarship and Cooperation

A new research and education centre for international cooperation has been launched at the Faculty of Social Sciences.

Cassirer's Centre for International Scholarship and Cooperation (CCISC) is an entity at the Faculty of Social Sciences, operating at the Institute of Philosophy. The Centre's tasks include initiating, holding, supporting and coordinating interdisciplinary research on issues related to phenomena and processes associated with the specific situation of humans in the world (e.g. biological basis for their existence, psychological and anthropological

aspects of the relation between an individual and their cultural and social sphere, universe of symbols and symbolic thinking affecting the human and developing their potential), initiating and coordinating the University's participation in international research programmes related to the Centre's scope of activities, as well as education and popularisation (e.g. organising lectures, workshops, conferences).

The Centre intends also to deepen cooperation with a network of international societies of research of imagination, as well as entities at various research institutions, including the University of Aberdeen, University of Essex, Institut de Recherches Philosophiques (Lyon), and St Petersburg University.

Classes on solidarity and integration

On 30-31 October, the Institute of Political Science welcomed dr **Thomas Mehlhausen** of the Institute of Political Science at the University of Leipzig. Within the visit, he held classes in: "The legitimacy of European Integration"; "Polish and German EU Finalite onceptions and Scenarios for Bilateral Relations in 2040"; "European solidarity"; "Differentiated Integration in the European Union".

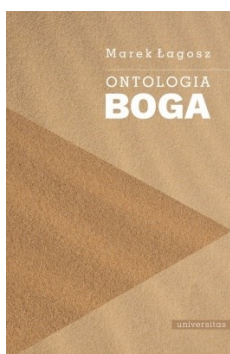
Workshop on digital responsibility

Dr **Agnieszka Florczak** of the Institute of Political Science cooperated with the project implemented by Wrocław Centre for Social Development which concerned socially responsible digitalisation. On the 4 October, at the Digital Summit in Wrocław, the project held a workshop "Socially responsible digitalisation – build a definition for future with us". Its objective was to involve young people in discussions on various aspects of digitalisation, to listen to their voice and to include elements they deem important in the definition of the term "socially responsible digitalisation", which will be further presented at the United Nations Organisation. The workshop was attended by students of five secondary schools in Wrocław.

Recommended readings in philosophy

"Ontologia Boga" as the best philosophical book of the year!

The monographic book "Ontologia Boga" authored by prof. dr hab. Marek Łagosz obtained Kazimierz Twardowski Award for the best philosophical book published in 2022.



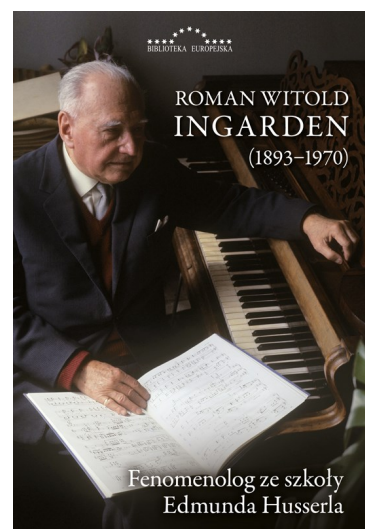
The award is presented once a year for an outstanding work in philosophy. Among the final three of the competition, there was also a publication "Leksykon logików polskich 1900-1939", co-authored by dr **Magdalena Hołyńczaj**, also of the Institute of Philosophy.



Phenomenologist of Edmund Husserl's school

In celebration of the 130th anniversary of Roman Ingarden's birthday, a book was published, titled "Roman Witold Ingarden (1893-1970). Fenomenolog ze szkoły Edmunda Husserla" edited by professors Krzysztof Ingarden and Radosław Kuliniak and dr Mariusz Pandura.

The publication includes a chronological review of the philosopher's life and work, family documents: two texts written by the philosopher's sons – Jerzy and Stanisław, pre-war letters by Władysław Witwicki, little known texts by Ingarden himself, memories about Ingarden by Władysław Tatarkiewicz and Izydora Dąmbska along with 160 previously unknown and unpublished photos.

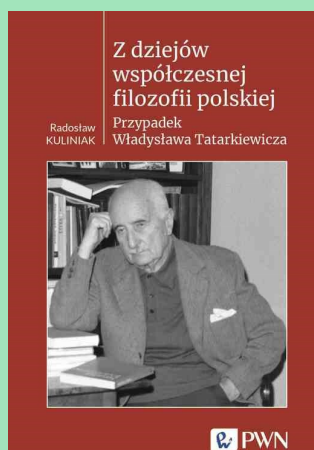


Health as a value and phenomenon



The publishing house "Akademia Pióra" issued a multi-author monograph "Zdrowie jako wartość i fenomen" edited by dr **Alina Bernadetta Jagiełłowicz** of the Institute of Philosophy.

The history of modern Polish philosophy



Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN published a book by prof. dr hab. **Radosław Kuliniak** of the Institute of Philosophy "Z dziejów współczesnej filozofii polskiej. Przypadek Władysława Tatarkiewicza".

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.

In mid-October, prof. dr hab. **Anna Paczeński** and dr hab. **Aleksandra Maatsch**, prof. UW of the Institute of European Studies took part in the inaugural meeting of the "E-governance and Digital Transformation in the European Union" Jean Monnet network, held in Olomouc in Moravia.

On 10-11 September, dr **Jarosław Stróżyk** of the Institute of International Studies and Security took part in Euro-Atlantic Forum on Democracy and Security: Our Freedom and Yours, held in Krakow and initiated by the Institute for Strategic Studies Foundation (ISS).

On 16 -17 November, the State University of Applied Sciences in Nysa hosted the international scientific conference "Jacob Böhme – Wirkung, Rezeption, Kontexte. Moderne und Postmoderne". The conference was attended by prof. dr hab. **Jan Krasicki** and dr hab. **Leon Miodoński** of the Institute of Philosophy.

On 18 October, dr **Anna Cichecka**, dr **Mateusz Karolak**, both of the Institute of Sociology and dr **Wojciech Ufel** of the Institute of Political Science, took part in a grant meeting organised by the Caledonian University in Glasgow. The meeting was focused on research held within the project "ENDURE: Inequalities, Community Resilience and New Governance Modalities in a PostPandemic World", which acquired funding from the National Science Centre within the Trans-Atlantic Platform for Social Sciences and Humanities network (T-AP).

On 5 October, prof. dr hab. **Maciej Mróz** of the Institute of International Studies and Security took part in a panel debate "Polish-Vatican relation. Poland and Vatican in XX - XXI century". The meeting was held online, organised by Janusz Kurtyka Foundation within a cycle of debates "History, truth, present. How to manage international relations in the context of future? 5.0".

On 13 October, dr **Agnieszka Florczak** of the Institute of Political Science took part in a debate "Human in destabilisation and dysfunction. Inequalities in the social space" held within the Lower Silesian Congress of Culture.

On 8-9 November, dr **Michał Piekarski** of the Institute of International Studies and Security took part in workshops concerning NATO's maritime strategy. The workshops were a part of the project titled "NATO's Maritime Strategies and Naval Operations since 1985", co-organised by Institut für Sicherheitspolitik (ISPK) of Kiel University and Zentrum für Militärgeschichte und Sozialwissenschaften der Bundeswehr.

On 13 and 14 November, University of Padua hosted a conference devoted to the issues of human rights. This year's conference, organised by the Human Rights Centre "Antonio Papisca", was titled "Conceptualising vulnerability in time of human rights regression". The Institute of International Studies and Security was a partner of the event. Dr hab. **Magdalena Ratajczak**, prof. UW of the Institute of International Studies and Security moderated the panel which discussed questions of migration.



Meeting of the Jean Monnet network



Forum on Democracy and Security



Grant meeting in Glasgow



Workshops concerning NATO's maritime strategy

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One of the most important international events in Poland concerning current issues of European and global security was held on 3-4 October 2023 - Warsaw Security Forum (WSF). The Institute of International Studies and Security was represented by dr **Marek Musioł** who was specifically invited to participate.

Dr **Paweł Wróblewski** of the Institute of Philosophy was a guest of the panel "Religion as an instrument of the Russian Federation's policies in the perspective of aggression against Ukraine and threats to NATO member states", held on 17 November within the conference "Poland – Ukraine. Neighbourhood for the future".

On 30 November, dr **Wojciech Ufel** of the Institute of Political Science at a research trip to the USA delivered a lecture "Postcolonial Narratives of Anti-Communism and the Problem of Participatory Democracy Without the Commons" at the convention of the Association of Slavic, East European, & Eurasian Studies.

On 9 and 10 November, the 1st Congress of the Polish Association of International Studies was held at the Faculty of International and Political Studies at the University of Łódź. This year's event was titled "Regional studies in the discipline of international studies. Comparative analysis of peace and security architecture in the regions of Europe and Indo-Pacific". The event was attended by many scholars and Ph.D. candidates of the Institute of International Studies and Security: dr **Łukasz Fijałkowski**, dr **Anna Jagiełło-Szostak**, dr hab. **Jarosław Jarząbek**, prof. UWr, dr **Katarzyna Jędrzejczyk-Kuliniak**, dr **Marcin Koczan**, mgr **Piotr Kosiorek**, dr hab. **Larysa Leszczenko**, prof. UWr, dr **Tomasz Matras**, dr hab. **Andrzej Polus**, prof. UWr, mgr **Paweł Rogiewicz**, mgr **Mateusz Repczyński**, prof. dr hab. **Elżbieta Stadtmüller**, dr hab. **Elżbieta Szyszlak**, prof. UWr, dr **Tomasz Szyszlak**, dr **Anna Umińska-Woroniecka**, mgr **Łukasz Kiczma**.

On 12-13 October in Poznań, there was the 4th Conference of Theory of Memory. The Institute of Sociology was represented by: dr **Kamilla Biskupska**, dr hab. **Julita Makaro**, prof. UWr, dr hab. **Natalia Niedźwiecka-Iwańczak**, dr inż. **Barbara Szczepańska**. The conference was co-organised by dr **Kamilla Biskupska**.

On 2 December, dr **Paweł Nowakowski** of the Institute of Political Science took part in the 10th Austrian Meeting organised by Ludwig von Mises Foundation for Economic Education. The event was held at the SGH Warsaw School of Economics. Dr Nowakowski took part in the panel "Polish school of libertarianism?".

Dr **Paweł Wróblewski** of the Institute of Philosophy represented the Rector of the University of Wrocław at the public reading of "On the Niemen" by Eliza Orzeszkowa within the social campaign of "National Reading". The event was organised on 9 September by the Lower Silesian Voivodeship Office in Wrocław.

On 15 December, dr **Bartłomiej Łódzki** of the Institute of International Studies and Security delivered a training for the Forum for Young Media Researchers and Communication Scholars concerning application of online analytical tools and data bases in internet studies.



Warsaw Security Forum



Dr Ufel during his visit to the USA



IV Conference of Theory of Memory



X Austrian Meeting

Welcome Centre WNS – what has been going on there ;-)

International Christmas meeting

On 14 December, there was a Christmas meeting for Polish and foreign students of the Faculty of Social Sciences, organised by the Welcome Centre.

Students met with the Faculty's Vice-Dean for International Cooperation dr hab. **Magdalena Ratajczak**, prof. UW, representative of the Dean for English-language students dr hab. **Jarosław Jarząbek**, prof. UW, deputy director of the Institute of Political Science for international cooperation dr **Michał Kuś** and of course **Katarzyna Kvapilikova** of the Welcome Centre. It was a tasty and joyful meeting with a note of Polish Christmas Eve traditions described to the students by dr **Michał Kuś**.



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You are welcome to see the photo gallery:

<https://wns.uwr.edu.pl/galeria/miedzynarodowe-spotkanie-swiateczne-14-12-23/>

Speaking Club



Fot. Welcome Center WNS

Halloween



Board Games



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STUDENTS AND Ph.D. CANDIDATES SCIENTIFIC ZONE

Discussing studies at the Institute of Sociology



On 30 November, the Faculty's campus hosted a discussion between students of the 3rd year of economic sociology and the Rector's Representative for Decentralisation dr hab. **Rafał Juchnowski**. The meeting concerned studying at the Institute of Sociology or specifically – assessment of results of projects developed by students within the course on civil society and local democracy. The process involved preparation of projects on what to do to make studying more pleasant. "The presented projects resulted from everyday observation of our surrounding which is important for us because it affects our functioning – said student *Jagoda Skatuba*, moderator of the discussion adding: - We are glad to have a chance to hold this discussion today and we are even happier that professor Juchnowski declared he'd take action in important matters we spoke about today".

The students' ideas were presented by **Lidia Prabucka** and **Krzysztof Palędzki**. The meeting was also attended by dr hab. **Katarzyna Dojwa-Turczyńska**, prof. UWr of the Institute of Sociology.

We keep our fingers crossed for these ideas to be implemented!

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Wiktoria Giersz as the Faculty's Head Student

The University Electoral Committee of the Students' Organisation of the University of Wrocław announced the results of by-elections of official organs of the students' organisation in 2022-2024 at the Faculty of Social Sciences.

Wiktoria Giersz was elected the head student, while the following became members of the Faculty Council of the Students' Organisation:

Aleksander Felix Dębski, Joanna Kita, Hubert Litwin, Eryk Stawiński, Maciej Trzop, Julia Wrotyńska.

Congratulations!

Visit and workshops at Dom Europy

On 27 November, students of Social Projects Management took part in a study visit and workshops at Dom Europy. The study visit held within the courses on "Organisation of project funding" and "Social innovations" was organised by dr **Kamil Glinka**.



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The workshops which concerned the European Union's funding in 2021-2027 financial perspective, were held by **Rafał Grzyb** (European Union's Information Point) and **Urszula Witkowska-Śliwa** (European Funds Information Point in Wrocław).

STUDENTS AND Ph.D. CANDIDATES SCIENTIFIC ZONE

Narratives around contamination of the Oder

On 14 November, dr hab. **Elżbieta Opiłowska**, prof. UWr and a group of students took part in the international conference "Castle Talks on Narratives on Borders in Europe" in Strasbourg. Researchers and students from France, Japan, Canada, Luxembourg, Poland, Hungary and elsewhere presented their research projects. The group from Wrocław presented their project about narratives concerning contamination of the Oder.



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Women in the field of games and new technologies

On 20 November, a meeting was held for students concerning possibilities of internships or eventually finding employment in the games and new technologies sector – considering especially potential development possibilities for women in this industry.

The invited speakers included: dr **Adam Flamma**, President of the "Game UP" Association & CEO at Astrolabe Stories, **Karolina Lewicka** of Lead 2D and artist at Astrolabe Stories, **Aleksandra Browarska**, Writer & producer at Astrolabe Stories and **Aleksandra "Alexa" Majerska**, PR & Marketing manager at Astrolabe Stories. The meeting was organised by: the Institute of European Studies, Institute of International Studies and Security, "Projekt Akademia" Association, "Game UP" Association and Astrolabe Stories studios.



JCF Fellowship

Student of the 1st year of 2nd-cycle studies in sociology and member of the board of the Rosa Luxembourg Leftist Thought Club, **Adrian Prokopczyk**, obtained the Joseph Conrad Fellowship, awarded by the Institute de Republica for the academic year of 2023/2024. His research project is titled "Justice in letters of inhabitants of Wrocław voivodeship to state authorities during settlement on the Recovered Territories and the period of Stalinism (1945-1956)".

Best dissertations in Professor Sitek competition

The Professor W. Sitek competition for the best bachelor thesis prepared at the Institute of Sociology in 2023 was settled. The winner is **Yan Beliaevets**, author of a thesis supervised by dr hab. **Ewa Banaszak**, prof. UWr. A special mention was given to **Aleksander Kosik**, whose thesis was supervised by dr hab. **Katarzyna Kajdanek**, prof. UWr.

New science club at the Institute of Philosophy

There is a new Science Club of Applied Philosophy, open to all students of philosophy and anyone who is interested. More info at:

<https://www.facebook.com/UWrKNFS>

How to succeed in business?

"Business of your dreams – how to build it and how to succeed in life" – was the title of workshops held on 14 November at the Faculty of Social Sciences. The instructor was **Magdalena Pydych** – business development consultant and expert, business mentor, creator of the education platform for women: biznesodpodstaw.pl. The event was organised by the Institute of International Studies and Security and Institute of European Studies.

STUDENTS AND Ph.D. CANDIDATES SCIENTIFIC ZONE

Students of our Faculty are among laureates of the Student Fellowship Programme!

Krystian Halik (European Diplomacy), **Kornel Kurtys** (Philosophy), **Weronika Dobrucka** (European Diplomacy), **Weronika Borowiak** (Social Projects Management) and **Paweł Szewczyk** (Philosophy) – congratulations!

The Student Fellowship Programme is an initiative by the Mayor of Wrocław, managed by Wrocław Academic Centre. This edition provided support for 75 students who undertake studies abroad.

Awards for the best thesis in security sciences

In 2023, for the first time, awards for the best bachelor and master thesis in security sciences were presented in the form of a Leopold Figure.

The award was established by the Director of the Institute of International Studies and Security together with the Council of Discipline of Security Sciences, and its name refers to the founder of the University of Wrocław, emperor Leopold I. The award is designed as an honour for authors whose theses are especially valuable due to: their originality and innovativeness, methodology, presentation and technical aspect, style and language, correctness of analysis and conclusions drawn, as well as selection and quality of sources.

At this year's Completion Ceremony at the Faculty of Social Sciences, three awards were presented. The laureates were:

- **Sławomir Borowski** for the bachelor thesis *Natural resources' impact on economic development. Context of economic security* supervised by dr hab. **Bartosz Michalski**, prof. UWr,
- **Marcin Kaczor** (ex aequo) for the master thesis *Cyberspace threats as seen by an individual and counteracting those threats – selected issues in the Polish case*, supervised by dr hab. **Piotr Krzysztof Marszałek**, prof. UWr
- **Natalia Kowcz** (ex aequo), for the master thesis *The aspect of historical policy in interstate relations on the example of Polish-Ukrainian relations*, supervised by dr hab. **Jarosław Jarząbek**, prof. UWr.

Award for the best doctoral thesis

On 24 November, the director of the Institute of Labour and Social Affairs, dr Elżbieta Bojanowska and Minister of Family and Social Policies Marlena Małag presented dr **Szymon Pilch** of the Institute of Sociology with an honorary award in the 25th competition for the best doctoral thesis in the field of labour law and collective labour relations within the labour and social policy science. The title of the recognised thesis was "IT professionals in business services companies in Poland: a sociological study of the work experience", its supervisor was dr hab. **Adam Mrozowicki**, prof. UWr, and the auxiliary supervisor was dr **Mateusz Karolak**, both of the Institute of Sociology. Congratulations!



Promotion and emotion in socialist Poland



On 15 December Rosa Luxembourg Leftist Thought Club organised a meeting with dr **Magda Szczęśniak**, author of the book "Poruszeni. Awans i emocje w socjalistycznej Polsce". This was an original, participative meeting, which started with a lecture by the author herself, then there was a Q&A session, and finally all participants discussed a fragment of the book, chosen specifically by dr Szczęśniak for the Club. The meeting was moderated by **Nela Partyga** of the Club's Board.

STUDENTS AND Ph.D. CANDIDATES SCIENTIFIC ZONE

Presentation of diplomas of the Erasmus Mundus Global Studies

On 17-18 November, the University of Wrocław had the honour to host graduates of the Erasmus Mundus Global Studies programme at the ceremony of diploma presentation.



Photo by: Paweł Piotrowski/UWr

Souvenir photo of the participants of the meeting

On 17 November, there was a scientific conference at the campus of the Faculty and the graduates of the programme presented results of their research for their master theses, while on 18 November, Aula Leopoldina at the Main Building of the University of Wrocław was the place of the main ceremony, when diplomas were presented to the graduates. The ceremony was attended by the Vice-Rector for Projects and International Relations dr hab. **Patrycja Matusz**, prof. UWr, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences for International Relations dr hab. **Magdalena Ratajczak**, prof. UWr and Director of the Consortium Erasmus Mundus Global Studies dr **Steffi Marung**, representatives of universities within the consortium, academic staff of the Institute of International Studies and Security and many guests.

Apart from presentation of the diplomas, there were also awards for the best graduates of the programme and awards for the best master theses. In the latter category the first two places were taken by graduates who prepared their theses at our Institute. The award for the best master thesis was obtained by Natalie Fink, whose thesis was supervised by dr hab. **Patrycja Matusz**, prof. UWr, and the second place belonged to Ennio Brandt, whose thesis was supervised by prof. dr hab. **Beata Ociepka**.

The ceremony was organised by the Institute of International Studies and Security and the EMGS Consortium.

Meeting with the imam

On 7 November, students of Social Projects Management took part in a meeting with the Imam of the Muslim Culture and Education Centre in Wrocław. Omar Abdel Fattah spoke about the pillars of Islam and he answered multiple questions about Islam and about the functioning of the Wrocław mosque. The meeting was a part of the course on the civilisation of Islam held by dr **Marlena Piotrowska**.

On social economy

On 28 November, the Institute of Political Science hosted **Dorota Butrym** and **Marta Lebiezka** of the Lower Silesian Centre of Social Policy. The guests spoke to students about social economy within the course concerning functioning of social organisation and intersectoral cooperation.

Seminar in Krzyżowa

On 10 November, students and Ph.D. candidates specialising in philosophy attended a seminar about politics and myth held in Krzyżowa. During the study trip, the participants learned about the local history of anti-nazi resistance, activities of Krzyżowa Foundation for Mutual Understanding in Europe and took part in a seminar on relations between myth and politics (based on fragments of Ernst Cassirer's work "The Myth of the State").



STUDENTS AND Ph.D. CANDIDATES SCIENTIFIC ZONE

You name a destination and students of the Institute of European Studies were there at the Erasmus mobility!

They visited Universidade de Beira Interior-UBI in Portugal (left) and Tallin University (right)



Awards in the competition for the best diploma theses of English-language students at the Institute of International Studies and Security were granted to:

Master thesis:

1st degree award: Jonas Martin Krohn

2nd degree award: Natalie Fink

3rd degree award: Debora Lovato

Honorary awards:

1. Ilse ter Haar

2. Fabian Freund

3. Juan Sebastian Mahecha Umaña

4. Fernanda da Silva

5. Arianna Grieco

Bachelor theses:

1st degree award: Ayana Trüper

2nd degree award: Hannah Lettl

3rd degree award: Yuvashnna Ravindran

Conflict between Venezuela and Guyana as seen by a Brazilian

Angelo Kramer, Ph.D. candidate at the Institute of European Studies wrote for the Polon.pl portal an analysis of political actions of Venezuela's authorities and president Nicolas Maduro. The text is available at:

<https://www.polon.pl/bezpieczenstwo/czy-maduro-podpali-ameryke-konflikt-wenezuela-gujana-okiem-brazylijczyka/?fbclid=IwAR08z1g2pI6JF1175kbANZebusN058MCcKVvG0o8i6iYmC0p2fPEIQq7UyQ>

No stress page ;-)

Prof. Grabowiec at his best and how we voted

When everybody is ready, and you are still wondering: what was it, up or down, left or right? And just think, it was not only the parliamentary elections in Poland, but also elections of the directors of the Institute of European Studies, and even before professor Grabowiec received the Medal of the Centenary of Regained Independence (congratulations!).



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And we are really proud of you all that in the wonderful wealth of pro-participation campaigns in Poland, there was also a representation of the Faculty of Social Sciences! The record 74.38% is our achievement, too, and evidence of the amazing turnout was collected directly by students of the 3rd year of Social Projects Management who – together with dr hab. Magdalena Mikołajczyk of the Institute of Political Science – made a visualisation “Voting commissions – what are they like...” within their classes:



Photo by: iPol

Who (and why?) sent the Honourable Council to the zoo???

This is not the end to political discussions and the story took a twist even before the Dean announced that he would not participate in the upcoming elections (which would actually reduce the pool of suspects). Still, the faculty investigation is pending to find out who sent some members of the Honourable Council of the Faculty of Social Sciences, including our Dean and Director of philosophy to... the zoo. There was also a side story set under the sea, but we will spare you this sight.



Photo by: WNS

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For those of you who don't know what the Dean usually looks like during the Council meeting, here's the standard version:



Photo by: WNS

Another no stress page ;-)

The further you go (into science) the harder it gets (if you don't know foreign languages)

We wanted to avoid politics on this page, but it cannot be done. Not only we publish books in various languages, including Spanish (prof. Leszczyna of the Institute of Philosophy and her "Relations between N. Hartmann and J. Ortega y Gasset"), but we also comment on the surrounding reality:

- A) in Czech - as **Piotr Sula**,
 B) in Turkish - as **Malgorzata Madej**, both of the Institute of Political Science.

Anyone willing to translate it? After all, we are constantly internationalising universities ;-)



Piotr Sula

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Gdyby ktoś chciał czeski poćwiczyć:)



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Erdogan Putin'e telefonla soruştu

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Science and ☺ integration trip



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On the last weekend in September, employees, Ph.D. candidates and students of the Institute of Political Science who are members of the Polish Political Science Association along with invited guests took part in a science and integration trip of Wrocław branch of the Association, held in Jedlina-Zdrój.

As shown in the photo, the trip was great and the participants had time to discuss scientific matters, but also to see the tourist attractions of the resort. And Olga Grajek won a boules match!

Is Santa real?

YES! It's been finally confirmed at the Santa Day debate on 4 December at the Faculty of Social Sciences. The participants were staff and students of the Faculty.

More photos:

<https://wns.uwr.edu.pl/galeria/debata-mikolajkowa-04-06-23/>



The event was organised by science clubs: Project Europe Science Club (Institute of European Studies) and Social Projects Management Science Club (Institute of Political Science).

Photo Michał Ostrowski/ Project Europe Science Club

Thank you, dear Faculty Santas!



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*"A warm thank you to everybody who supported the Christmas collection for the healthcare and nursing centre for children in Wierzbice - says **Katarzyna Kvapilikova** of the Faculty's Welcome Centre. We managed to collect five big boxes full of gifts. - On 9 December the organisers - our collaborators - Mr and Mrs Świdorski, took the gifts to the centre" - she adds.*

Another Christmas collection was organised by **KISS Social Work Students' Science Club**. The collected materials were delivered to children of the Family-type Children's Home in Żerniki Wrocławskie.

We did well!

PS MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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