

Curriculum Vitae

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Personal information

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Education:

2010-2014: Ph.D. in sociology at the Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw.
Thesis: “Party system fragmentation and polarization in post-communist countries”, supervised by prof. Jacek Raciborski.
2005-2010: M. A. (with Distinction) in Sociology, Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw. Average 5-year grade: 4.93 (scale 2-5).
Thesis: “Electoral system as a factor determining party system in post-communist countries”, supervised by prof. Jacek Raciborski.

Positions held:

Since 2015 **Assistant Professor, Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw**
2010-2014: Research Assistant, ERC Starting Grant “Public Goods through Private Eyes. Exploring Citizens’ Attitudes to Public Goods and the State in Central Eastern Europe” (Principal Investigator: Natalia Letki, D.Phil.), Faculty of Philosophy and Sociology, University of Warsaw.
2010: Junior Analyst at Gemius S.A.: Preparing, computing and publishing data about traffic in Turkish Internet.
2008 and 2010: Polish Central Examination Commission and PBS DGA: Coding questionnaires in a study of pupils of 3rd class of Primary School. (Both times over 1200 questionnaires.)

Prizes and funding:

- “Florian Znaniecki Prize 2010”, II degree for the M.A. thesis awarded by the Polish Sociological Association.
- “Development of methods for the analysis of the determinants of fragmentation and polarization of party systems”, Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw, 5000 PLN, 2012-2013.

- “Party system dynamics in times of crisis – conceptualization” Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw, 3000 PLN, 2014-2015.
- “Empirical indices and correlates of the institutionalization of political competition in democracies” Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw, 6100 PLN, 2015-2016.
- “Social foundations of political radicalism” Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw, 6000 PLN, 2016-2017.
- “What and how do political parties say on the Internet? Exploratory insight into Facebook fanpages of Polish political parties” Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw, 6500 PLN, 2016-2017.
- “Programmatic dynamics of electoral campaigns” Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw, 7000 PLN, 2017-2018 and National Science Center “Miniatura” (DEC-2017/01/X/HS5/00729), 11628 PLN, 2017-2018
- “Legacy of non-democratic regimes” Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw, 4160 PLN, 2017-2018

Academic publications

a) Under review

- “Exploring the use of valence in party campaigning” (with Natalia Letki), under review in *Party Politics*.

b) Published

a. Books

- “Opisywanie i wyjaśnianie systemu partyjnego. Problem pomiaru” [Describing and explaining a party system. Methods of measurement], Oficyna Wydawnicza ASPRA-JR 2017.

b. Peer reviewed

- “The Quality of Government and National Identification” *Polish Sociological Review* 4(196)/2016.
- “Polaryzacja systemów partyjnych w krajach pokomunistycznych” [Party system polarization in post-communist countries] *Studia Polityczne* 1(41)/2016.
- “Pozycja prezydenta w systemach politycznych krajów pokomunistycznych a fragmentacja systemu partyjnego” [The Role of a President in Political Systems of Post-Communist Countries and the Party System Fragmentation]. *Studia Socjologiczne* 4/2015.
- “Kryzys gospodarczy a fragmentacja europejskich systemów partyjnych” [Economic crisis and fragmentation of European party systems]. *Studia Socjologiczno-Polityczne* 1(03)/2015.
- “Instytucjonalizacja systemów partyjnych a konsekwencje ordynacji wyborczych. Analiza porównawcza na materiale z krajów pokomunistycznych” [Party system institutionalization and consequences of electoral laws. Comparative analysis in post-communist countries]. *Studia Polityczne* 1(37)/2015.
- “Politologiczne i socjologiczne teorie fragmentacji systemów partyjnych: od izolacji do interakcji” [Theories of party system fragmentation in political science and sociology: From isolation to interaction]. *Studia Socjologiczne* 3/2013 (210).
- “Wpływ systemu wyborczego na system partyjny w krajach pokomunistycznych” [Effect of electoral system on party system in post-communist countries], *Decyzje* 14 (2010).

c. Book chapters & other

- a. Book review: “Christopher Steed, *A Question of Worth: Economy, Society and the Quantification of Human Value*, London, New York: I.B.Tauris 2016.” *Studia Socjologiczno-Polityczne. Seria Nowa* 2(07)/2017: 143–146.
- b. “Efekty rządzenia a identyfikacja z państwem” [Effects of governance and state identification], in: Jacek Raciborski (ed.), *Państwo w praktyce: style działania* [The State in Practice: Styles of Action], NOMOS (2017).
 - Recenzja książki Marka M. Kamińskiego „Ordynacje większościowe i JOW-y. Kompendium reformatora ordynacji wyborczej” [Book review: Marek M. Kamiński “Majoritarian electoral systems and SMDs. A guide for a reforming the electoral system”] *Decyzje* 25 (2016).
 - “Recenzja książki pod redakcją Geoffreya Evansa oraz Nana Dirka de Graafa *Political Choice Matters. Explaining the Strength of Class and Religious Cleavages in Cross-National Perspective* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013)” [Book review: Geoffrey Evans and Nan Dirk de Graaf (eds.), *Political Choice Matters. Explaining the Strength of Class and Religious Cleavages in Cross-National Perspective...*], *Studia Socjologiczno-Polityczne. Seria Nowa* 1 (2014).
 - “Polityka i władza” [Politics and Power] (with Przemysław Sadura), in: *Współczesne społeczeństwo polskie* [Contemporary Polish Society], Anna Giza and Małgorzata Sikorska (eds.), Warszawa: Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN (2012).
 - “Fragmentacja poradzieckich systemów partyjnych w perspektywie neoinstytucjonalnej” [Post-soviet party system fragmentation in new-institutionalist perspective], in: *20 lat rzeczywistości poradzieckiej. Spojrzenie socjologiczne* [20 years of post-soviet reality. A sociological overview], Małgorzata Głowacka-Grajper and Robert Wyszynski (eds.), Warszawa: Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego (2012).
 - “Klasyfikacje systemów wyborczych państw pokomunistycznych: porównanie mocy analitycznej i predykcyjnej” [Classifying of electoral systems in post-communist countries: A comparison of analytical and predictive power], *Studia wyborcze* X (2010).
 - “Kwestia zgodności preferencji wyborczych w ramach gospodarstwa domowego” [The coherence of electoral preferences of household members], in: *Praktyki obywatelskie Polaków* [Civic habits of Poles], Jacek Raciborski (ed.), Wydawnictwo IFiS PAN, Warszawa 2010.
 - “Przyczynek do kwestii racjonalności obywateli: system wyborczy a preferencje” [A contribution to the citizens’ rationality: The electoral systems and political preferences], in: *Praktyki obywatelskie Polaków* [Civic habits of Poles], Jacek Raciborski (ed.), Wydawnictwo IFiS PAN, Warszawa 2010.

Ongoing research projects

since 2015

“Where Is My Party? Determinants of Voter Agreement about the Ideological Positions of Political Parties” – project conducted at the University of Mannheim, led by Marc Debus, Zeynep Somer-Topcu and Margit Tavits. **Country research assistant.**

Finished projects

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| 2013-2017 | “The Contemporary State: Styles of Governance” – grant awarded by the Polish National Science Centre to prof. Jacek Raciborski, University of Warsaw. Team member. |
| 2011-2013 | “From Values to Interests? The Evolution of Party Competition in New Democracies” (paper published in <i>Journal of Politics</i> 2014 Vol. 76 No. 1) – project developed by Margit Tavits (Washington University in St. Louis) and Natalia Letki (University of Warsaw). Research Assistant. |
| 2010-2014 | “Public Goods through Private Eyes. Exploring Citizens’ Attitudes to Public Goods and the State in Central Eastern Europe” – ERC Starting Grant awarded to Natalia Letki, University of Warsaw. Project Assistant. |
| 2009-2010 | “Citizenship in sociological perspective” – grant awarded by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education awarded to prof. Jacek Raciborski, University of Warsaw. Team member. |

General research interests:

political sociology, political parties, electoral systems, electoral campaigning, political competition

International conference participation:

- “Positional vs. valence-based party campaigning” with Natalia Letki “Where Is My Party? Determinants of Voter Agreement about the Ideological Positions of Political Parties” workshop, Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung (MZES), Mannheim, 13 March 2017 and APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition, San Francisco 30 August – 3 September 2017.
- “Institutionalization: the concept, its application to party systems and measurement” “Держава та глобальні соціальні зміни: 25 років української незалежності” conference in Kiev at the National technical university of Ukraine “Kyiv Polytechnic Institute”, 29-30 November 2016.
- “Does the political context moderate the consequences of electoral laws? Linking party system institutionalization and fragmentation” “Історична соціологія цивілізацій: модерн поміж демократією та нерівністю” conference in Kiev at the National technical university of Ukraine “Kyiv Polytechnic Institute”, 30-31 May 2016.
- “State Identity in Europe Today: Some Determinants” with Jacek Raciborski, The Association For The Study Of Nationalities 2016 World Convention, Columbia University, 14-16 April 2016.
- “Policy evaluation and state identification” “The state and global social change: historical sociology of domination and resistance in the era of modernity” conference in Kiev at the National technical university of Ukraine “Kyiv Polytechnic Institute”, 26-27 November 2015.
- “Measuring changes to the state budget in Poland. Demonstration of the method” – at the IV International Conference “Social and political configurations of modernity: political power in Ukraine and in global dimension” in Kiev at the National technical university of Ukraine “Kyiv Polytechnic Institute”, 3-4 June 2015.

- “Party system change in times of crisis. Evidence from European countries” – at the 4th Global International Studies Conference 2014 in Frankfurt am Main (Goethe University), 6-9 August 2014.
- “How presidentialism affects the number of parties? Evidence from post-communist countries” at the ECPR Graduate Student Conference at the University of Innsbruck, 3-5 July 2014.
- “Psychological and mechanical consequences of electoral laws in weakly institutionalized party systems” at the “Challenges of Transition: the Post-communist Experience(s)” conference at the University of Bucharest, 30-31 May 2014.
- “Communist legacies and the psychological and mechanical consequences of the electoral systems” at the 72nd Annual MPSA Conference in Chicago, 3-6 April 2014.
- “Economic crisis and number of parties in European party systems” at the 2013 EUDO Dissemination Conference „Elections in Europe in Times of Crisis” in Florence, 28-29 November 2013.
- „The Interaction of Formal and Informal Factors Shaping Party System Fragmentation. A Framework for Analysis” at the „Formality and Informality: from Decoupling to Entanglement” Conference in Warsaw, 13-14 May 2013.
- „A new institutional framework for empirical research on factors determining party system fragmentation” at the „9th New Institutionalism Workshop” in Warsaw, 14-15 March 2013.

Scholarships:

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| 2012-2013 | Ph.D. candidate scholarship awarded to the best doctoral students and junior PhDs, University of Warsaw (2 nd place among candidates from all University faculties); |
| 2012-2014 | Academic achievement award, University of Warsaw; |
| 2010-2014 | Best Ph.D. candidate scholarship, Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw; |
| since 2010 | Fully-funded Ph.D. studentship, Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw; |
| 2006-2010 | Scientific scholarship granted by the University of Warsaw for top results. |

Courses and Winter Schools:

- ERC Workshop on Research Data Management and Sharing on 18-19 September 2014, ERCEA (Covent Garden, Place Rogier, Brussels)
- 3rd ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques, University of Vienna, Austria, 16-21 February 2014. Course: “Advanced Discrete Choice Modeling”. (Instructor: Paul W. Thurner).
- 2nd ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques, University of Vienna, Austria, 17-22.02.2013. Courses: “Multilevel Regression Modelling” (Instructor: Levente Littvay) and “Introduction to STATA” (Instructor: David Johann).

Teaching experience:

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| 2017-2018 | New course at graduate level: “Dynamics of electoral campaigns” seminar |
| 2016-2017 | Graduate level: “Macro-data analysis in comparative research”; “Political consequences of SMD-based electoral systems. Contextual factors shaping the functioning of formal institutions” seminar; Master seminar. Undergraduate level: “Electoral systems and party systems in democracies” |
| 2015-2017 | Bachelor seminar (undergraduate level) |
| 2010-2013, 2014-2017 | “Institutions, processes and systems: macrosociology” (undergraduate level) |
| 2010-2011 | “Data analysis using SPSS” (undergraduate level) |

Organizational work:

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| 2016-2017 | Coordinator for the undergraduate specialization path “Politics and democracy”, Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw. |
| Since November 2013 | Editorial board secretary of <i>Studia Socjologiczno-Polityczne. Seria Nowa [Political and Sociological Studies. New Edition]</i> |
| March 2013 | Organizational committee of “9th New Institutionalism Workshop” organized by the Institute of Social Prevention and Resocialisation, University of Warsaw and the New-institutionalism Network. |
| Since 2011 | Coordinator for the graduate specialization path “Sociology of politics, state, and public life”, Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw. |

Other skills:

- Data analysis in STATA and SPSS for Windows.
- Administrative competences connected with handling an ERC-funded project.
- Experience with Bash interface in UNIX systems.

Languages:

- Polish (native)
- English (fluent)
- French (intermediate)
- Russian, Latin (basic)

Hobbies:

- healthy lifestyle and fitness
- travel
- civil aviation