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Professional summary

Associate Professor of Political Science specialising in populism, democratic backsliding, and electoral behaviour in Central and Eastern Europe.

Education

- 2018 | **Polish Academy of Sciences**, Warsaw, Poland
Habilitation, Social Sciences
Cycle of papers: "Populism as a normal feature of post-communist politics"
- 2010 | **The University of Essex**, Colchester, United Kingdom
Ph.D, Government
Dissertation: "Populism in the Polish party system: party appeals and voter mobilisation"
- 2005 | **The University of Essex**, Essex, United Kingdom
M.A., European Politics (distinction)
Thesis: "The controversial concept of populism"
- 2001 | **The University of Durham**, Durham, United Kingdom
M.A., International Studies (distinction)
- 2000 | **The University of Warwick**, Warwick, United Kingdom
B.A., English Literature (First Class with distinction)

Employment

- 2018 - Present | **Centre for the Study of Democracy, SWPS University**, Warsaw, Poland
Associate Professor
- 2015 - 2018 | **Centre for the Study of Democracy, SWPS University**, Warsaw, Poland
Assistant Professor
- 2013 - 2015 | **School of Law, Politics and Sociology, University of Sussex**, Brighton, United Kingdom
Marie Curie Intra-European Research Fellow
- 2013 - 2015 | **Faculty of History and Social Sciences, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University**, Warsaw, Poland
Assistant Professor
- 2011 | **Centre for Baltic and East European Studies, Södertörn University**, Stockholm, Sweden
Guest Researcher
- 2010 | **Institute for Public Affairs**, Bratislava, Slovakia
Marie Curie Post-Doctoral Fellow
- 2008 | **Department of Government, The University of Essex**, Colchester, United Kingdom
Graduate Teaching Assistant

Monographs

1. Bill, Stanley and Ben Stanley. 2025. **Good Change: The Rise and Fall of Poland's Illiberal Revolution**. Stanford University Press.
2. Szulecki, Kacper, Marta Bivand Erdal, and Ben Stanley. 2022. **External Voting: The Patterns and Drivers of Central European Migrants' Homeland Electoral Participation**. Palgrave Macmillan Cham. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-19246-3>.

Journal articles

1. Stanley, Ben. 2026. 'Democratic Hypocrisy in Practice: A Panel Study of Revealed Preferences for Liberal Democracy in Poland'. **East European Politics**. doi:10.1080/21599165.2026.2656881.
2. Bill, Stanley, and Ben Stanley. 2025. 'Democracy After Illiberalism: A Warning from Poland'. **Journal of Democracy** 36(3): 16–32.
3. Enyedi, Zsolt, and Ben Stanley. 2025. 'Farewell to the Liberal Consensus: The Intellectualisation of Political Projects in Poland and Hungary'. **European Political Science**. doi:10.1057/s41304-025-00542-8.
4. Claassen, Christopher, Kathrin Ackermann, Eri Bertou, Lucas Borba, Ryan E. Carlin, Amnon Cavari, Sirianne Dahlum, et al. 2025. 'Conceptualizing and Measuring Support for Democracy: A New Approach'. **Comparative Political Studies** 58(6): 1171–98. doi:10.1177/00104140241259458.
5. Markowski, Radosław, Marta Żerkowska-Balas, and Ben Stanley. 2024. 'Participation in Polish Local Elections: Sheer Rational Choice or Social Embeddedness Fate?' **East European Politics and Societies** 38(1): 123–47. doi:10.1177/08883254231177416.
6. Szulecki, Kacper, Michał Kotnarowski, and Ben Stanley. 2023. 'Emigrant External Voting in Central-Eastern Europe after EU Enlargement'. **Electoral Studies** 81: 102552. doi:10.1016/j.electstud.2022.102552.
7. Stanley, Ben, Radosław Markowski, and Mikołaj Cześniak. 2021. 'Marginalization, Not Mainstreaming: Explaining the Failure of Fringe Parties in Poland'. **Party Politics** 21(1): 46–57. doi:10.1177/1354068819863616.
8. Stanley, Ben, and Mikołaj Cześniak. 2021. 'Uninformed or Informed Populists? The Relationship between Political Knowledge, Socio-Economic Status and Populist Attitudes in Poland'. **East European Politics** 38(1): 43–60. doi:10.1080/21599165.2021.1876676.
9. Pirro, P. L. Andrea, and Ben Stanley. 2021. 'Forging, Bending, and Breaking: Enacting the 'Illiberal Playbook' in Hungary and Poland'. **Perspectives on Politics** 20(1): 86–101. doi:10.1017/s1537592721001924.
10. Bill, Stanley, and Ben Stanley. 2020. 'Whose Poland Is It to Be? PiS and the Struggle between Monism and Pluralism'. **East European Politics** 36(3): 378–94. doi:10.1080/21599165.2020.1787161.
11. Markowski, Radosław, and Ben Stanley. 2020. 'Poczucie politycznego sprawstwa: O determinantach i korelatkach zjawiska'. **Studia Polityczne** 47(3): 11–34. doi:10.35757/STP.2019.47.3.01.
12. Stanley, Ben. 2019a. 'A New Populist Divide? Correspondences of Supply and Demand in the 2015 Polish Parliamentary Elections'. **East European Politics and Societies** 33: 17–43. doi:10.1177/0888325418783056.
13. Stanley, Ben. 2019b. 'Backsliding Away? The Quality of Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe'. **Journal of Contemporary European Research** 15(4): 343–53. doi:10.30950/jcer.v15i4.1122.
14. Cichoński, Marek A., and Ben Stanley. 2019. 'Brexit i rewolucja populizmu w Europie'. **Sprawy Międzynarodowe** 72(2): 9–16. doi:https://doi.org/10.35757/sm.2019.72.2.01.
15. Markowski, Radosław, and Ben Stanley. 2016. 'Rozłamy socjopolityczne w Polsce: Iluzja czy rzeczywistość?' **Studia Socjologiczne** 4(223): 17–40.
16. Kwiatkowska, Agnieszka, Mikołaj Cześniak, Marta Żerkowska-Balas, and Ben Stanley. 2016. 'Ideologiczna treść wymiaru lewica-prawica w Polsce w latach 1997-2015'. **Studia Socjologiczne** 4(223): 97–129.
17. Stanley, Ben. 2016a. 'Confrontation by Default and Confrontation by Design: Strategic and Institutional Responses to Poland's Populist Coalition Government'. **Democratization** 23(2): 263–82. doi:10.1080/13510347.2015.1058782.
18. Stanley, Ben. 2016b. 'Robert Rohrschneider and Stephen Whitefield, The Strain of Representation: How Parties Represent Diverse Voters in Western and Eastern Europe, Reviewed by Ben Stanley'. **Party Politics** 22(1): 137–38. doi:10.1177/1354068815615270.
19. Stanley, Ben, and Mikołaj Czesnik. 2016. 'Poland's Palikot Movement'. **Party Politics** 22(6): 705–18. doi:10.1177/1354068814560911.
20. Stanley, Ben. 2014. 'The Dynamics of Party-System Supply and Demand in Poland, 1997–2007. Cleavage Change or Shapeless Shifting?' **Europe-Asia Studies** 66(8): 1295–1322. doi:10.1080/09668136.2014.939522.
21. Stanley, Ben. 2011. 'Populism, Nationalism, or National Populism? An Analysis of Slovak Voting Behaviour at the 2010 Parliamentary Election'. **Communist and Post-Communist Studies** 44(4): 257–70. doi:10.1016/j.postcomstud.2011.10.005.

- Stanley, Ben. 2008. 'The Thin Ideology of Populism'. *Journal of Political Ideologies* 13(1): 95–110. doi:10.1080/13569310701822289.

Book chapters

- Stanley, Ben, 2025. 'Political Parties and Ideological Representation'. In **The Oxford Handbook of Polish Politics**, eds. Katarzyna Walecka, Simona Guerra, and Fernando Casal Bértoa. Oxford University Press.
- Stanley, Ben. 2022. 'Poland: When Populists Must Manage Crisis Instead of Performing It'. In **Populists and the Pandemic: How Populists Around the World Responded to COVID-19**, eds. Nils Ringe and Lucio Rennó. Routledge, 105–16.
- Stanley, Ben. 2020. 'A Comparison of Two Polish Party Leaders: Jarosław Kaczyński and Donald Tusk'. In **Party Leaders in Eastern Europe**, ed. Sergiu Gherghina. 171–95.
- Stanley, Ben. 2019. 'Working in the Gaps Left behind: Radical Right Movements in a Consolidating Party System'. In **Radical Right 'Movement Parties' in Europe**, eds. Manuela Caiani and Ondrej Cisar. London and New York: Routledge, 168–83.
- Stanley, Ben, and Mikołaj Cześniak. 2019. 'Populism in Poland'. In **Populism Around the World**, ed. Daniel Stockemer. Springer, 67–87.
- Stanley, Ben. 2017. 'Populism in Central and Eastern Europe'. In **The Oxford Handbook of Populism**, eds. Cristóbal Rovira Kaltwasser, Paul Taggart, Paulina Ochoa Espejo, and Pierre Ostiguy. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 140–60.
- Stanley, Ben. 2016a. 'Defenders of the Cross'. In **Saving the People: How Populists Hijack Religion**, eds. Nadia Marzouki, Duncan McDonnell, and Olivier Roy. London: Hurst Publishers, 109–28.
- Stanley, Ben. 2016b. 'The Politics of the Past in the Present: Poland's Electoral Geography'. In **More Sex, Lies and the Ballot Box**, eds. Philip Cowley and Robert Ford. London: Biteback Publishing, 233–36.
- Stanley, Ben. 2015a. 'The Polish Self-Defence Party: From Agrarian Protest to the Politics of Populism, 1991-2007'. In **Rural Protest Groups and Populist Political Parties**, eds. Dirk Strijker, Gerrit Voerman, and Ida Terluin. Wageningen Academic Publishers, 191–216.
- Stanley, Ben. 2015b. 'The Post-Populist Non-Crisis in Poland'. In **Populism in the Shadow of the Great Recession**, eds. Hanspeter Kriesi and Takis S. Pappas. Colchester: ECPR Press, 251–69.
- Stanley, Ben. 2014. 'Poland 20 Years Later: The Long Arm of Transition'. In **Europe Today: A Twenty-First Century Introduction**, eds. Ronald Tiersky and Erik Jones. Plymouth: Rowman & Littlefield Ltd., 257–91.
- Stanley, Ben. 2013a. 'Poland'. In **The Handbook of Political Change in Eastern Europe**, eds. Sten Berglund, Joakim Ekman, Kevin Deegan-Krause, and Terje Knutsen. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing Limited, 167–215.
- Stanley, Ben. 2013b. 'Populism'. In **Encyclopedia of Modern Political Thought**, ed. Gregory Claeys. Thousand Oaks: SAGE Publications, Ltd., 642.
- Stanley, Ben. 2011. 'Poland 20 Years Later: The Long Arm of Transition'. In **Europe Today: A Twenty-First Century Introduction**, eds. Ronald Tiersky and Erik Jones. Plymouth: Rowman & Littlefield Ltd., 243–73.

Datasets

- Stanley, Ben. 2024a. 'Partisan Bias or Indifference? Panel Survey, Wave 1'. doi:10.7910/DVN/2WSILI.
- Stanley, Ben. 2024b. 'Partisan Bias or Indifference? Panel Survey, Wave 2'. doi:10.7910/DVN/D3927J.
- Stanley, Ben. 2024c. 'Partisan Bias or Indifference? Panel Survey, Wave 3'. doi:10.7910/DVN/TUUHGV.
- Stanley, Ben. 2024d. 'Partisan Bias or Indifference? Pilot Survey'. doi:10.7910/DVN/4L5WI7.

Current research projects

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| 2021 - 2026 | Plemiennosc czy obojetnosc? Badanie rzeczywiste istniejacych wartosci demokratycznych i ich konsekwencji w Polsce
<i>National Science Center, OPUS 20</i>
Principal investigator. "Partisan bias or a climate of indifference? An investigation of actually-existing democratic values and their consequences in Poland". Funding: 783,228 zł. |
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Previous research projects

- 2023 - 2025 | **AUTHLIB – Neo-Authoritarianisms in Europe and the Liberal Democratic Response**
HORIZON-CL2-2021-DEMOCRACY-01
Co-investigator, Work Packages 2 and 4. Total funding: €2,523,765.
- 2022 | **Wiedza, postawy i preferencje Polek i Polaków względem nowych zagrożeń cywilizacyjnych**
Regionalna Inicjatywa Doskonałości w SWPS Uniwersytecie Humanistycznospołecznym
Co-investigator. "Political knowledge and preferences of Poles regarding new civilisational threats." Funding: 118,770 zł.
- 2019 - 2021 | **DIASPOLitic - Understanding the Political Dynamics of Émigré Communities in an Era of European Democratic Backsliding**
Norwegian Research Council, EUROPA (Europe in Transitions) A2–Values Under Pressure
Principal investigator. Funding: 212,264.32 zł.
- 2019 - 2020 | **Mierząc populizm - badanie pilotażowe mające na celu udoskonalenie istniejących pytań**
Narodowe Centrum Nauki, MINIATURA 2
Principal investigator. "Measuring populism: a pilot study to improve existing questions." Funding: 43,972 zł.
- 2017 - 2018 | **A Survey-Based Experiment on the Relationship Between Populism and Conspiracy Theories**
SWPS University BST grant
Principal investigator. Funding: 26,876 zł.
- 2013 - 2015 | **The Winner-Loser Divide? A Comparative Analysis of Voting Behaviour and Cleavage Formation in Post-Communist Party Systems (WINLOSE)**
Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowship, Seventh Framework Programme
Principal investigator. Funding: €231,283.
- 2010 | **Integration versus Demarcation? A Comparative Classification of Party Appeals, Voter Preferences and Candidate Attitudes in the European Parliamentary Elections of 2009**
ELECDEM Initial Training Network (ref. 238607), Marie Curie Action, Seventh Framework Programme
Principal investigator. Funding: £68,290.

Conference organisation

- 2025 | **Good Change: The Rise and Fall of Poland's Illiberal Revolution**
Sidney Sussex College, University of Cambridge
Book launch with Stanley Bill
- 2025 | **The Rise and Appeal of Ideological Alternatives to Liberal Democracy in the 21st Century**
IPSA 28th World Congress of Political Science, Seoul
Panel co-organised with Caterina Froio
- 2019 | **Central European Diasporas in Western Europe 15 years after the EU's Eastern Enlargement - Political and Social Dynamics**
SWPS University, Warsaw
Workshop co-organised with Kacper Szulecki and Marta Bivand Erdal for the DIASPOLitic project.
- 2019 | **Internalising the Insurgency - Understanding the Interaction of Radical Antiestablishment and Mainstream Parties**
ECPR General Conference, Wrocław
Panel
- 2015 | **Structures of political competition in post-communist democracies - if not cleavages, then what?**
ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, Warsaw
Workshop co-organised with Radosław Markowski
- 2014 | **Crisis, Corruption and Cleavages - Continuities and Change in Party Politics in Central and Eastern Europe**
APSA Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
Panel

Conference papers and invited talks

- 2025 | **Author Meets Critics - Good Change: The Rise and Fall of Democratic Illiberalism**
APSA Annual Meeting, Vancouver
- 2025 | **Measuring a Moving Target? Populist Attitudes When Populists are In and Out of Power**
ECPR General Conference, Thessaloniki
- 2025 | **Trading Democracy Off - Exploring Populist, Illiberal and Authoritarian Challenges to Liberal Democracy**
IPSA World Congress, Seoul
- 2025 | **Pocketbook or Rosary Isn't Dead ... It's Not Even Past!**
PIASA Annual Meeting 2025, Columbia University
- 2025 | **Democratic Hypocrisy in Practice - A panel study of revealed preferences for liberal democracy in Poland**
Interdisciplinary Seminar in Empirical Social Science, University of Warsaw
- 2024 | **Liberal democracy after the Good Change - the challenges of post-PiS reform in Poland**
ViPET seminar, University of Vienna
- 2024 | **Liberal-democratic hypocrisy? Stability and change in Polish citizens' attitudes towards liberal democracy**
ECPR General Conference, Lisbon
- 2024 | **Liberal-democratic hypocrisy? Stability and change in Polish citizens' attitudes towards liberal democracy**
5th International ESS Conference, Lisbon
- 2024 | **Liberal-democratic hypocrisy? Stability and change in Polish citizens' attitudes towards liberal democracy**
Workshop on Political Behaviour in Central and Eastern Europe, European University Institute, Florence
- 2023 | **Lip-Service Liberalism? Declared and Revealed Attitudes to Democracy in Poland**
Grassroots Unrest in Europe and the Erosion of Liberal Democracy, Illiberalism Studies Program, George Washington University, Washington, DC
- 2023 | **Polish Elections - What's Left of the Liberal Order?**
Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI), Oslo
- 2023 | **Do Central European Diasporas Matter for Homeland Election Results?**
Peace Research Institute (PRIO), Oslo
- 2023 | **You Are What You Eat - Edible Extremism and Cultural Polarisation in the Netherlands and Poland**
ECPR General Conference, Prague
- 2023 | **Lip-Service Liberalism? Declared and Revealed Attitudes to Democracy in Poland**
APSA Annual Meeting, Los Angeles
- 2022 | **Squeezed from both sides - the dilemma of Poland's social-democratic left**
European Forum on the Future of Political Parties, Rome
- 2022 | **Would democratic backsliders be elected to office if only CEE migrants voted?**
19th IMISCOE International Conference, Oslo
- 2021 | **When Populists Must Manage Crisis Instead of Performing It - COVID-19 in Poland**
VIII Congress of The Czech Political Science Association, Masaryk University, Brno
- 2021 | **External voting, diaspora party systems & (il)liberal remittances - A comparative analysis of Central European post-accession elections**
ECPR General Conference, virtual event
- 2020 | **Populism and the Pandemic - Crisis, Technocracy and Democracy in Poland**
Populism and the Pandemic Virtual Lecture Series, Jean Monnet EU Center for Comparative Populism, University of Wisconsin-Madison

- 2020 | **If Migrants Chose Governments - A Comparative Analysis of Central Eastern European Diaspora Votes**
ECPR General Conference, virtual event
- 2019 | **Democratic Backsliding in Central and Eastern Europe - Transition to Illiberal Democracy?**
TRASC - Europe—What's Next? Transformational Leadership and Confidence Building for Young Professionals, Georgian Institute for Strategic Studies (GISS), Tbilisi
- 2019 | **Inconsequential Radicalism - Explaining the Non-Impact of Poland's Eurosceptic Turn on Public Attitudes to the EU**
ECPR General Conference, Wrocław
- 2019 | **Illiberal Remittances? Studying the Political Dynamics and Voting Patterns of CEE Migrants in Western Europe**
ECPR General Conference, Wrocław
- 2019 | **Dealing with the incumbency problem - designing a pilot study to improve populist attitude questions**
Comparative Populism Project closing conference, Central European University, Budapest
- 2019 | **Inconsequential Radicalism - Explaining the Non-Impact of Poland's Eurosceptic Turn on Public Attitudes to the EU; Central Europe's Illiberal Turn - Causes, Consequences and Prospects**
EUSA International Biennial Conference, Denver
- 2019 | **Conspiracy theory mentality and its socio-demographic and ideological correlates**
Workshop on "The Anatomy of Disbelief", Jagiellonian University, Kraków
- 2018 | **Populism in spite of the people? Confronting myths about Poland's anti-liberal turn**
Conference on "Democracy, Illiberal Democracy or Neauthoritarianism", Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, Warsaw
- 2018 | **The Growth of Populism in CEE?**
Commission of Democracy workshop, Danish Youth Council, Copenhagen
- 2018 | **Populism and Democracy in Poland**
IES Abroad European Union Programme, Warsaw
- 2018 | **Working in the gaps left behind - radical right movement parties in a consolidating party system**
ECPR General Conference, Hamburg
- 2018 | **Brexit - Explaining Britain's decision to leave the European Union**
Collegium Civitas, Warsaw
- 2018 | **Voting Populist or Just Voting for Populists? A Comparative Analysis of Populist Attitudes and Vote Choice in Central and Eastern Europe**
Seminar in Politics and Society, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin
- 2017 | **Populist voting, or just voting for populists? A comparative analysis of attitudes and voting behaviour in Central and Eastern Europe**
Advanced Research Seminar, Centre for Baltic and East European Studies, Södertörn University, Stockholm
- 2017 | **Populism in Central and Eastern Europe**
Research Group in Populist Political Communication, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań
- 2017 | **Voting Populist or Just Voting for Populists? A Comparative Analysis of Populist Attitudes and Vote Choice in Central and Eastern Europe**
Dilemmas of Democracy Conference, Wisła
- 2017 | **Voting Populist or Just Voting for Populists? A Comparative Analysis of Populist Attitudes and Vote Choice in Central and Eastern Europe**
ECPR General Conference, Oslo
- 2017 | **A New Populist Divide? Correspondences of Supply and Demand in the 2015 Polish Parliamentary Elections**
UACES 47th Annual Conference, Kraków

- 2017 | **Voting Populist or Just Voting for Populists? A Comparative Analysis of Populist Attitudes and Vote Choice in Central and Eastern Europe**
3rd Prague Populism Conference, Charles University, Prague
- 2017 | **Post-communist Populist Voting**
75th Annual MPSA Conference, Chicago
- 2016 | **A New Populist Divide? Correspondences of Supply and Demand in the 2015 Polish Parliamentary Elections**
Contemporary Political Parties Amid the Crisis of Democracy, Turzno
- 2016 | **Solidarism, Liberalism and Populism - voting behaviour in the 2015 Polish Parliamentary Elections**
ECPR General Conference, Prague
- 2016 | **A new populist divide? Correspondences of supply and demand in the 2015 Polish parliamentary elections**
2nd Prague Populism Conference, Prague
- 2015 | **The winner-loser divide in Central and Eastern Europe - a new set of political potentials?**
ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, Warsaw
- 2014 | **Eating the starters - The mainstreaming of populism in post-communist Poland**
ECPR General Conference, Glasgow
- 2014 | **Integration for the Winners, Demarcation for the Losers? Poland A and Poland B as a Cleavage**
APSA Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 2014 | **Populism in Central and Eastern Europe**
Populism in Europe and the Americas - a cross-regional perspective, Catholic University of Chile, Santiago
- 2014 | **The Dog That Already Barked - Post-Populism Crisis in Poland**
Populism in the Shadow of the Great Recession, European University Institute, Florence
- 2013 | **Understanding the Palikot Movement**
UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies, London
- 2012 | **From periphery to power - the emergence of Polish populism**
Studying Europe's Populisms by Regional Country Clusters, European University Institute, Florence
- 2012 | **The Thin Ideology of Populism**
Populist Political Parties in East Central Europe, Masaryk University, Brno
- 2012 | **No Room On The Left? The Stagnation of Poland's Democratic Left Alliance**
The financial crisis and left politics - Parties, unions, and social movements in Eastern Europe, Charles University, Prague
- 2012 | **Down With the Pseudo-Elite! Populism as a Strategy for Elite Replacement in Post-Communist Poland**
International Political Science Association XXII World Congress of Political Science, Madrid
- 2012 | **The Polish Self-Defence party - from agrarian protest to the politics of populism, 1990–2007**
Rural Protest Groups and Populist Political Parties - Exploring Objectives, Activities and Relationships, University of Groningen
- 2011 | **Cleavage change or shapeless shifting? The dynamics of party-system supply and demand in Poland, 1997-2007**
Old Theory, New Cases, The Study of Party Politics in Central and Eastern Europe, Södertörn University, Stockholm
- 2011 | **Cleavage change or shapeless shifting? The dynamics of party-system supply and demand in Poland, 1997–2007**
ECPR General Conference, Reykjavik
- 2011 | **Eating the starters - the mainstreaming of Polish populism, 2001-2007**
18th Conference of Europeanists, Barcelona

- 2011 | **Populism, Nationalism, or National Populism? An Analysis of Slovak Voting Behaviour in the 2010 Parliamentary Elections**
CBEEES Departmental Seminar, Södertörn University, Stockholm
- 2011 | **Change of government and the locus of politics—power shifts in post-communist Poland**
Change of government and the Locus of Politics - Power Shifts in the Baltic Sea Region, Södertörn University, Stockholm
- 2010 | **The Polish presidential elections, June–July 2010 - background and implications**
Free Elections 20 Years After - The Splendor and Misery of the Central European Dream, Institute for Public Affairs and International Visegrad Fund, Bratislava
- 2010 | **Populism and its programmatic correlates in the Polish party system - a comprehensive classification**
ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops, Münster
- 2009 | **Voting for Polish populist anti-liberal parties - 1997–2005**
From post-communism and transitology to non-teleological change - present and future research on Eastern and Central Europe, Södertörn University
- 2007 | **Populist Anti-liberal Ideology in the Polish Party System, 2001–2007**
Populism in Enlarged Europe, Södertörn University, Stockholm

Teaching - lectures

- 2025 | **Demokratyzacja i regres demokracji**
Democratization and Democratic Backsliding
undergraduate
- 2023 - 2026 | **Unia Europejska i jej instytucje**
The European Union and its Institutions
undergraduate
- 2023 | **Europa Środkowo-Wschodnia w okresie przejściowym**
Central and Eastern Europe in Transition
undergraduate
- 2021 - 2026 | **The Social Psychology of Democracies in Transition**
undergraduate
- 2019 | **International Relations**
undergraduate
- 2016 - 2018 | **International Business - The Challenges of Globalization**
undergraduate
- 2015 - 2020 | **Introduction to International Politics**
undergraduate

Teaching - seminars

- 2025 | **Systemy polityczne**
Political Systems
undergraduate
- 2025 | **Wprowadzenie do metodologii badań społecznych**
Introduction to Social Research Methodology
undergraduate
- 2024 | **Savoir vivre w biznesie**
Savoir vivre in business
undergraduate
- 2024 | **Savoir vivre in business**
undergraduate
- 2021 - 2024 | **Social Psychology of Conspiracy Theories**
undergraduate

2023	Rola teorii spiskowych we współczesnym życiu społecznym i politycznym <i>The Role of Conspiracy Theories in Social and Political Life</i> undergraduate
2022 - 2023	Social Research Methodology undergraduate
2022	The Psychology of Prejudice undergraduate
2022	Populizm, natywizm i problemy współczesnej demokracji liberalnej <i>Populism, Nativism and the Problems of Contemporary Liberal Democracy</i> undergraduate
2021	International Relations and European Integration undergraduate
2020	European Integration undergraduate
2017 - 2020	International Relations undergraduate
2019 - 2023	Introduction to Political Psychology undergraduate
2024 - 2025	English in Professional Use postgraduate
2017	Communication in Business postgraduate

Teaching - workshops

2026	Podstawy dziennikarstwa danych <i>Fundamentals of Data Journalism</i> undergraduate
2022 - 2025	Wyzwania życia publicznego - uprzedzenia <i>Challenges of Public Life - Prejudice</i> undergraduate
2022	Wyzwania życia publicznego - polaryzacja <i>Challenges of Public Life - Polarisation</i> undergraduate
2021 - 2022	Academic Writing undergraduate
2025	Dziennikarstwo danych <i>Data Journalism</i> postgraduate
2019 - 2026	Język angielski w zastosowaniu zawodowym <i>English for Professional Purposes</i> postgraduate
2024	Critical Analysis and Thinking postgraduate
2021	Advanced English in Research postgraduate
2018 - 2021	Professional Communication Skills - Writing in Business postgraduate
2018 - 2019	Professional Communication Skills - Presentations postgraduate
2019	Komunikowanie wyników badań <i>Oral Presentation Skills</i>

- | postgraduate
- 2019 | **Academic English**
| postgraduate
- 2019 | **Academic Writing**
| postgraduate

Honours & awards

- 2025 | **Rector's Award for Scientific Achievements 2024/2025**
| SWPS University
- 2024 | **Rector's Award for Scientific Achievements 2023/2024**
| SWPS University
- 2022 | **Best Article Prize (shared with Mikołaj Cześniak)**
| *East European Politics*
- 2021 | **Rector's Award for Scientific Achievements 2020/2021**
| SWPS University

Research training and skills

- 2014 | **Spatial Econometrics and Bayesian Analysis in the Social Sciences**
| *Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis*
- 2010 | **Data analysis in R**
| *Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis*
- 2010 | **Workshop in Experimental Methods**
| *ELECDEM, Brussels*
- 2010 | **Workshop in Electoral Survey Design**
| *ELECDEM, Central European University, Budapest*
- 2009 | **Euromanifesto coder training**
| *Mannheim Centre for European Social Research, University of Mannheim*
- 2008 | **Comparative research methods**
| *Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis*

Editorial activities

- Deputy editor, *Polish Sociological Review*, 2025–present.
- Member of the editorial advisory board, *Czech Journal of Political Science*, 2013–present.
- Member of the editorial advisory board, *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*, 2016–present.

Peer reviewing

Peer reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *East European Politics*, *East European Politics and Societies*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *German Politics, Government and Opposition*, *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*, *Journal of European Integration*, *Journal of Legislative Studies*, *Party Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Research Exchange*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Studies*, *Political Studies Review*, *Politics, Politics and Religion*, *Problems of Post-Communism*, *Representation*.

External reviewer of grant bid under *SASPRO Slovak Academy of Sciences Programme*, 2015.

Doctoral thesis examination

- 2026 | **Karolina Zbytniewska**
| *University of Warsaw*
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