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## Employment

**2018-present Associate Professor**, *Centre for the Study of Democracy, SWPS University*, Warsaw, Poland.

**2015-2018 Assistant Professor**, *Centre for the Study of Democracy, SWPS University*, Warsaw, Poland.

**2013-2015 Marie Curie Intra-European Research Fellow**, *School of Law, Politics and Sociology, University of Sussex*, Brighton, United Kingdom.

**2013-2015 Assistant Professor**, *Faculty of History and Social Sciences, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University*, Warsaw, Poland.

**2011 Guest Researcher**, *Centre for Baltic and East European Studies, Södertörn University*, Stockholm, Sweden.

**2010 Marie Curie Post-Doctoral Fellow**, *Institute for Public Affairs*, Bratislava, Slovakia.

**2008 Graduate Teaching Assistant**, *Department of Government, The University of Essex*, Colchester, United Kingdom.

## Qualifications

**2018 Habilitation, Social Sciences**, *Polish Academy of Sciences*, Warsaw, Poland. Cycle of papers: *Populism as a normal feature of post-communist politics*.

**2010 Ph.D, Government**, *The University of Essex*, Essex, United Kingdom. Dissertation: *Populism in the Polish party system: party appeals and voter mobilisation*.

**2005 M.A., European Politics (distinction)**, *The University of Essex*, Essex, United Kingdom. Thesis: *The controversial concept of populism*.

**2001 M.A., International Studies (distinction)**, *The University of Durham*, Durham, United Kingdom.

**2000 B.A., English Literature (First Class with distinction)**, *The University of Warwick*, Warwick, United Kingdom.

## Publications

### Journal articles

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.

Bill, Stanley, and Ben Stanley. 2025. 'Democracy After Illiberalism: A Warning from Poland.' *Journal of Democracy* 36(3): 16–32.

- Cichocki, 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>.
- Claassen, Christopher, Kathrin Ackermann, Eri Bertso, 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.
- 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.
- Kwiatkowska, Agnieszka, Mikołaj Cześnik, Marta Żerkowska-Balas, and Ben Stanley. 2016. 'Ideologiczna treść wymiaru lewica-prawica w Polsce w latach 1997-2015.' *Studia Socjologiczne* 4(223): 97–129.
- Markowski, Radosław, and Ben Stanley. 2016. 'Rozłamy socjopolityczne w Polsce: Iluzja czy rzeczywistość?' *Studia Socjologiczne* 4(223): 17–40.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Stanley, Ben. 2008. 'The Thin Ideology of Populism.' *Journal of Political Ideologies* 13(1): 95–110. doi:10.1080/13569310701822289.
- 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. 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Stanley, Ben. 2018. 'Religion, Politics and Values in Poland: Continuity and Change Since 1989. Edited by Sabrina P. Ramet and Irena Borowik. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan. 341 Pp. \$129.00 Cloth.' *Politics and Religion* 11(2): 444–48. doi:10.1017/s1755048317000712.
- 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.
- 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.
- Stanley, Ben, and Mikołaj Czesnik. 2016. 'Poland's Palikot Movement.' *Party Politics* 22(6): 705–18. doi:10.1177/1354068814560911.

Stanley, Ben, and Mikołaj Czeński. 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.

Stanley, Ben, Radosław Markowski, and Mikołaj Czeński. 2021. 'Marginalization, Not Mainstreaming: Explaining the Failure of Fringe Parties in Poland.' *Party Politics* 21(1): 46–57. doi:10.1177/1354068819863616.

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.

### **Monographs**

Bill, Stanley and Ben Stanley. 2025. *Good Change: The Rise and Fall of Poland's Illiberal Revolution*. Stanford University Press. <https://www.sup.org/books/politics/good-change/>.

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>.

### **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. 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.

Stanley, Ben, and Mikołaj Cześniak. 2019. 'Populism in Poland'. In *Populism Around the World*, ed. Daniel Stockemer. Springer, 67–87.

### **Essays, interviews and reviews**

Cichocki, 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>.

Stanley, Ben. 2016. '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.

Stanley, Ben. 2018. 'Religion, Politics and Values in Poland: Continuity and Change Since 1989. Edited by Sabrina P. Ramet and Irena Borowik. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan. 341 Pp. \$129.00 Cloth'. *Politics and Religion* 11(2): 444–48. doi:10.1017/s1755048317000712.

### **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.

## **Research projects**

### **Current projects**

**2023-2025** Co-investigator, Work Packages 2 and 4, "AUTHLIB – Neo-Authoritarianisms in Europe and the Liberal Democratic Response", *HORIZON-CL2-2021-DEMOCRACY-01*, €2,523,765.

**2021-2024** Principal investigator, "Plemienność czy obojętność? Badanie rzeczywiście istniejących wartości demokratycznych i ich konsekwencji w Polsce" ("Partisan bias or a climate of indifference? An investigation of actually-existing democratic values and their consequences in Poland"), *National Science Center, OPUS 20*, 783,228 zł.

### **Previous projects**

**2022** Co-investigator, "Wiedza, postawy i preferencje Polek i Polaków względem nowych zagrożeń cywilizacyjnych." ("Political knowledge and preferences of Poles regarding new civilisational threats."), *Regionalna Inicjatywa Doskonałości w SWPS Uniwersytecie Humanistycznospołecznym w latach 2019-2022*, 118,770 zł.

**2019-2021** Principal investigator, "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*, 212 264,32 zł.

**2019-2020** Principal investigator, “Mierząc populizm: badanie pilotażowe mające na celu udoskonalenie istniejących pytań”. (“Measuring populism: a pilot study to improve existing questions.”) *Narodowe Centrum Nauki, MINIATURA 2*, [2018/02/X/HS5/03339], 43,972 zł.

**2017-2018** Principal investigator, “A Survey-Based Experiment on the Relationship Between Populism and Conspiracy Theories”, *SWPS University BST grant*, 26,876 zł.

**2013-2015** Principal investigator, “The Winner-Loser Divide? A Comparative Analysis of Voting Behaviour and Cleavage Formation in Post-Communist Party Systems (WINLOSE)”. Project funded by *Marie Curie Intra-European Fellowship* programme, a Marie Curie Action under the Seventh Framework Programme, €231,283.

**2010** Principal investigator, “Integration versus Demarcation? A Comparative Classification of Party Appeals, Voter Preferences and Candidate Attitudes in the European Parliamentary Elections of 2009”. Project conducted under the *ELECDem Initial Training Network* (ref. 238607), a Marie Curie Action under the Seventh Framework Programme, £68,290.

## **Conference activity**

### **Organisation**

**2025** Book Launch: Stanley Bill and Ben Stanley on Poland’s Illiberal Revolution, Sidney Sussex College, University of Cambridge, 24 October 2025.

**2019** Central European Diasporas in Western Europe 15 years after the EU’s Eastern Enlargement: Political and Social Dynamics. Workshop co-organised with Kacper Szulecki and Marta Bivand Erdal for the project *DIASPOLitic*, SWPS University, Warsaw, 6–7 November 2019.

“Internalising the Insurgency: Understanding the Interaction of Radical Antiestablishment and Mainstream Parties. Panel organised for the *ECPR General Conference*, Wrocław, 4–7 September 2019.

**2015** Structures of political competition in post-communist democracies: if not cleavages, then what? Workshop co-organised with Radosław Markowski for the *ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops*, Warsaw, 29 March–2 April 2015.

**2014** Crisis, Corruption and Cleavages: Continuities and Change in Party Politics in Central and Eastern Europe. Panel organised for the *APSA Annual Meeting*, Washington, D.C., 28–31 August 2014.

### **Participation**

**2025** Author Meets Critics: Good Change: The Rise and Fall of Democratic Illiberalism. *APSA Annual Meeting*, Vancouver, 12 September 2025.

Measuring a Moving Target? Populist Attitudes When Populists are In and Out of Power. *ECPR General Conference*, Thessaloniki, 28 August 2025.

Trading Democracy Off: Exploring Populist, Illiberal and Authoritarian Challenges to Liberal Democracy. *IPSA World Congress*, Seoul, 14th July 2025.

Pocketbook or Rosary Isn’t Dead... It’s Not Even Past! *PIASA Annual Meeting 2025*, Columbia University, 6th June 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, 22nd January 2025.

**2024** Liberal democracy after the Good Change: the challenges of post-PiS reform in Poland. *ViPET seminar*, University of Vienna, 11 December 2024.

Liberal-democratic hypocrisy? Stability and change in Polish citizens' attitudes towards liberal democracy. *ECPR General Conference*, Lisbon, 15 August 2024.

Liberal-democratic hypocrisy? Stability and change in Polish citizens' attitudes towards liberal democracy. *5th International ESS Conference*, Lisbon, 9 July 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, 27 June 2024.

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, 3 November 2023.

Polish Elections: What's Left of the Liberal Order? *Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)*, Oslo, 29 September 2023.

Do Central European Diasporas Matter for Homeland Election Results? *Peace Research Institute (PRIO)*, Oslo, 28 September 2023.

You Are What You Eat: Edible Extremism and Cultural Polarisation in the Netherlands and Poland. *ECPR General Conference*, Prague, 4–8 September 2023.

Lip-Service Liberalism? Declared and Revealed Attitudes to Democracy in Poland. *APSA Annual Meeting*, Los Angeles, August 31–3 September 2023.

2022 Squeezed from both sides: the dilemma of Poland's social-democratic left. *European Forum on the Future of Political Parties: Between regeneration and decline – social democratic parties in Europe*, Rome, 15–16 September 2022.

Would democratic backsliders be elected to office if only CEE migrants voted? *19th IMISCOE International Conference*, Oslo, 29 June–1 July 2022.

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, 9–10 September 2021.

External voting, diaspora party systems & (il)liberal remittances: A comparative analysis of Central European post-accession elections. *ECPR General Conference*, virtual event, 30 August–3 September 2021.

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, 13 October 2020.

If Migrants Chose Governments: A Comparative Analysis of Central Eastern European Diaspora Votes, *ECPR General Conference*, virtual event, 24–28 August 2020.

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, 3–5 October 2019.

Inconsequential Radicalism: Explaining the Non-Impact of Poland's Eurosceptic Turn on Public Attitudes to the EU; Illiberal Remittances? Studying the Political Dynamics and Voting Patterns of CEE Migrants in Western Europe. *ECPR General Conference*, Wrocław, 4–7 September 2019.

Dealing with the incumbency problem: designing a pilot study to improve populist attitude questions. *Comparative Populism Project closing conference*, Central European University, Budapest, 20 June 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, 9–11 May 2019.

Conspiracy theory mentality and its socio-demographic and ideological correlates. *Workshop on "The Anatomy of Disbelief"*, Jagiellonian University, Kraków, 18 February 2019.

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, 28 November 2018.

The Growth of Populism in CEE? Invited lecture for the *Commission of Democracy workshop, Danish Youth Council*, Copenhagen, 26 November 2018.

Populism and Democracy in Poland. Invited lecture for the *IES Abroad European Union Programme*, Warsaw, 14 September 2018.

Working in the gaps left behind: radical right movement parties in a consolidating party system. *ECPR General Conference*, Hamburg, 22–25 August 2018.

Brexit: Explaining Britain's decision to leave the European Union. Invited lecture at *Collegium Civitas*, Warsaw, 26 March 2018.

Voting Populist or Just Voting for Populists? A Comparative Analysis of Populist Attitudes and Vote Choice in Central and Eastern Europe. Invited lecture at the *Seminar in Politics and Society, Collegio Carlo Alberto*, Turin, 8 February 2018.

2017 Populist voting, or just voting for populists? A comparative analysis of attitudes and voting behaviour in Central and Eastern Europe. Invited lecture at the Advanced Research Seminar, *Centre for Baltic and East European Studies, Södertörn University*, Stockholm, 13 November 2017.

Populism in Central and Eastern Europe. Invited lecture for the *Research Group in Populist Political Communication, Adam Mickiewicz University*, Poznań, 6–7 November 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, 26–27 October 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, 6–10 September 2017.

A New Populist Divide? Correspondences of Supply and Demand in the 2015 Polish Parliamentary Elections. *UACES 47th Annual Conference*, Kraków, 4–6 September 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, 22–23 May 2017.

Post-communist Populist Voting. 75th Annual MPSA Conference, Chicago, 6–9 April 2017.

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, 19–20 October 2016.

Solidarism, Liberalism and Populism: voting behaviour in the 2015 Polish Parliamentary Elections. *ECPR General Conference*, Prague, 7–10 September 2016.

A new populist divide? Correspondences of supply and demand in the 2015 Polish parliamentary elections. *2nd Prague Populism Conference*, Prague, 23-24 May 2016.

2015 The winner-loser divide in Central and Eastern Europe: a new set of political potentials? *ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops*, Warsaw, 29 March–2 April 2015.

2014 Eating the starters: The mainstreaming of populism in post-communist Poland. *ECPR General Conference*, Glasgow, 3–6 September 2014.

Integration for the Winners, Demarcation for the Losers? Poland A and Poland B as a Cleavage. *APSA Annual Meeting*, Washington, D.C., 28–31 August 2014.

Populism in Central and Eastern Europe. *Populism in Europe and the Americas: a cross-regional perspective*, Catholic University of Chile, Santiago, 4–5 July 2014.

The Dog That Already Barked: Post-Populism Crisis in Poland. *Populism in the Shadow of the Great Recession*, European University Institute, Florence, 21-22 March 2014.

2013 Understanding the Palikot Movement. Invited seminar presentation at the *UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies*, London, 4 February 2013.

2012 From periphery to power: the emergence of Polish populism. *Studying Europe's Populisms by Regional Country Clusters*, European University Institute, Florence, 7 December 2012.

The Thin Ideology of Populism. *Populist Political Parties in East Central Europe*, Masaryk University, Brno, 4 December 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, 20 November 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, 7–12 July 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, 24–25 May 2012.

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, 15–16 September 2011.

Cleavage change or shapeless shifting? The dynamics of party-system supply and demand in Poland, 1997–2007. *ECPR General Conference*, Reykjavik, 25–27 August 2011.

Eating the starters: the mainstreaming of Polish populism, 2001-2007. *18th Conference of Europeanists, Barcelona*, 20–22 June 2011.

Populism, Nationalism, or National Populism? An Analysis of Slovak Voting Behaviour in the 2010 Parliamentary Elections. *CBEES Departmental Seminar*, Södertörn University, Stockholm, 4 April 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, 13–14 January 2011.



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, 8 July 2010.

Populism and its programmatic correlates in the Polish party system: a comprehensive classification. *ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops*, Münster, 23–27 March 2010.

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, 15–16 June 2009.

Populist Anti-liberal Ideology in the Polish Party System, 2001–2007. *Populism in Enlarged Europe*, Södertörn University, Stockholm 6–7 December 2007.

## Teaching

### Lectures

Introduction to International Politics, undergraduate (2015-2020)

International Relations, undergraduate (2019)

International Business: The Challenges of Globalization, undergraduate (2016-2018)

The Social Psychology of Democracies in Transition, undergraduate (2021-2026)

Europa Środkowo-Wschodnia w okresie przejściowym: polityczne, gospodarcze i społeczne zmiany ery postkomunistycznej [*Central and Eastern Europe in Transition: Political, Economic and Social Change in the Post-Communist Era*], undergraduate (2023)

Unia Europejska i jej instytucje [*The European Union and its Institutions*], undergraduate (2023-2026)

Demokratyzacja i regres demokracji [*Democratization and Democratic Backsliding*], undergraduate (2025)

### Seminars

International Relations, undergraduate (2017-2018, 2020)

European Integration, undergraduate (2020)

International Relations and European Integration, undergraduate (2021)

Introduction to Political Psychology, undergraduate (2019-2020, 2022-2023)

Social Psychology of Conspiracy Theories, undergraduate (2021-2022, 2024)

Rola teorii spiskowych we współczesnym życiu społecznym i politycznym, undergraduate (2023)

The Psychology of Prejudice, undergraduate (2022)

Social Research Methodology, undergraduate (2022-2023)

Wprowadzenie do metodologii badań społecznych [*Introduction to Social Research Methodology*], undergraduate (2025)

Populizm, natywizm i problemy współczesnej demokracji liberalnej [*Populism, Nativism and the Problems of Contemporary Liberal Democracy*], undergraduate (2022)

Savoir vivre in business, undergraduate (2024)

Savoir vivre w biznesie [*Savoir Vivre in Business*], undergraduate (2024)

Systemy polityczne [*Political Systems*], undergraduate (2025)

Communication in Business, postgraduate (2017)

English in Professional Use, postgraduate (2024-2025)

### **Workshops**

Academic Writing, undergraduate (2021-2022)

Academic Writing, postgraduate (2019)

Academic English, postgraduate (2019)

Komunikowanie wyników badań [*Oral Presentation Skills*], postgraduate (2019)

Professional Communication Skills: Presentations, postgraduate (2018-2019)

Professional Communication Skills: Writing in Business, postgraduate (2018-2021)

Advanced English in Research, postgraduate (2021)

Język angielski w zastosowaniu zawodowym [*English for Professional Purposes*], postgraduate (2019-2020, 2024-2026)

Critical Analysis and Thinking, postgraduate (2024)

Dziennikarstwo danych [*Data Journalism*], postgraduate (2025)

Wyzwania życia publicznego: uprzedzenia [*Challenges of Public Life: Prejudice*], undergraduate (2022-2025)

Wyzwania życia publicznego: polaryzacja [*Challenges of Public Life: Polarisation*], undergraduate (2022)

Podstawy dziennikarstwa danych [*Fundamentals of Data Journalism*], undergraduate (2026)

### **Research training and skills**

2014 “Spatial Econometrics” and “Bayesian Analysis in the Social Sciences,” *Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis* 4–15 August 2014.

2010 “Data analysis in R.” *Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis*, 26 July–6 August 2010.

“Workshop in Experimental Methods.” *ELECDEM*, Brussels 28 June–2 July 2010.

“Workshop in Electoral Survey Design.” *ELECDEM*, Central European University, Budapest, 30 April–4 May 2010.

2009 Euromanifesto coder training, *Mannheim Centre for European Social Research*, University of Mannheim, 8–10 May 2009.

2008 “Comparative research methods.” *Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis*, 7–18 July 2008.

### **Awards**

*East European Politics* Best Article Prize (shared with Mikołaj Cześnik), 2022.

Rector’s Award for Scientific Achievements 2024/2025, SWPS University, 2025.

Rector’s Award for Scientific Achievements 2023/2024, SWPS University, 2024.

Rector’s Award for Scientific Achievements 2020/2021, SWPS University, 2021.

## Other professional activities

### Editorial

Deputy editor, *Polish Sociological Review*, 2025–present.

Member of the editorial advisory board: *Czech Journal of Political Science*, 2013–present; *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*, 2016–present.

### 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.

### Thesis examination

Doctoral thesis, Karolina Zbytniewska, “Populist skirmishers and the erosion of civility: a new force in populist movements”, *University of Warsaw*, 2025.

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Doctoral thesis, Agnieszka Sztajdel, “The Post-Truth Narrative in Post-Smolensk Poland”, *European University Institute*, 2019.

### Miscellaneous

Member of the selection committee for the *ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops*, 2019.

Member of the questionnaire committee for the Polish National Election Study 2015 post-electoral survey, *SWPS University*, 2015.

Member of the questionnaire committee for the CSES Slovakia 2010 post-electoral survey, *Institute of Sociology, Slovak Academy of Sciences*, 2010.

Manifesto coder for the Euromanifesto project, 2009.

Country coder for V-Dem (Varieties of Democracy), 2011–present.

## Languages

Native: English

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