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## Professional summary

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

## Education

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

## Employment

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

## Monographs

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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

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1. Bill, Stanley, and Ben Stanley. 2025. 'Democracy After Illiberalism: A Warning from Poland'. **Journal of Democracy** 36(3): 16–32.
2. 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.
3. Claassen, Christopher, Kathrin Ackermann, Eri Bertsou, 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Stanley, Ben, Radosław Markowski, and Mikołaj Cześnik. 2021. 'Marginalization, Not Mainstreaming: Explaining the Failure of Fringe Parties in Poland'. **Party Politics** 21(1): 46–57. doi:10.1177/1354068819863616.
7. Stanley, Ben, and Mikołaj Cześnik. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. Markowski, Radosław, and Ben Stanley. 2016. 'Rozłamy socjopolityczne w Polsce: Iluzja czy rzeczywistość?' **Studia Socjologiczne** 4(223): 17–40.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. 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.
18. Stanley, Ben, and Mikołaj Cześnik. 2016. 'Poland's Palikot Movement'. **Party Politics** 22(6): 705–18. doi:10.1177/1354068814560911.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. Stanley, Ben. 2008. 'The Thin Ideology of Populism'. **Journal of Political Ideologies** 13(1): 95–110. doi:10.1080/13569310701822289.

## Book chapters

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1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Stanley, Ben, and Mikołaj Cześniak. 2019. 'Populism in Poland'. In **Populism Around the World**, ed. Daniel Stockemer. Springer, 67–87.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. Stanley, Ben. 2013b. 'Populism'. In **Encyclopedia of Modern Political Thought**, ed. Gregory Claey. Thousand Oaks: SAGE Publications, Ltd., 642.
14. 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

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

## Current Research Projects

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2021 - 2026	<b>Plemienność czy obojętność? Badanie rzeczywiste istniejących wartości demokratycznych i ich konsekwencji w Polsce</b> <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

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- 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

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- 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

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- 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**  
CBEES 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

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- 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

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

## Teaching - workshops

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

	postgraduate
2019	<b>Academic English</b>   postgraduate
2019	<b>Academic Writing</b>   postgraduate

## Honours & awards

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2025	<b>Rector's Award for Scientific Achievements 2024/2025</b>   SWPS University
2024	<b>Rector's Award for Scientific Achievements 2023/2024</b>   SWPS University
2022	<b>Best Article Prize (shared with Mikołaj Cześnik)</b>   <i>East European Politics</i>
2021	<b>Rector's Award for Scientific Achievements 2020/2021</b>   SWPS University

## Research Training and Skills

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2014-08-04 - 2014-08-15	<b>Spatial Econometrics and Bayesian Analysis in the Social Sciences</b>   <i>Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis</i>
2010-07-26 - 2010-08-06	<b>Data analysis in R</b>   <i>Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis</i>
2010-06-28 - 2010-07-02	<b>Workshop in Experimental Methods</b>   <i>ELECDEM, Brussels</i>
2010-04-30 - 2010-05-04	<b>Workshop in Electoral Survey Design</b>   <i>ELECDEM, Central European University, Budapest</i>
2009-05-08 - 2009-05-10	<b>Euromanifesto coder training</b>   <i>Mannheim Centre for European Social Research, University of Mannheim</i>
2008-07-07 - 2008-07-18	<b>Comparative research methods</b>   <i>Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis</i>

## Editorial Activities

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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.

## Peer reviewing

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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

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2026	<b>Karolina Zbytniewska</b>   <i>University of Warsaw</i>   Populist skirmishers and the erosion of civility
2025	<b>Alexander Alekseev</b>   <i>University of Warsaw</i>

| Hijacking Liberal Democracy? Democracy And Rights In Populist Radical Right Discourses In France And Poland

- 2022 | **Paulina Lenik**  
*University College London*  
A pendulum swung back? Comparative analysis of populism in Central and Eastern Europe
- 2021 | **Justyna Lisińska**  
*University of Southampton*  
How do populist supporters engage online?
- 2019 | **Agnieszka Sztajdel**  
*European University Institute*  
The Post-Truth Narrative in Post-Smolensk Poland

## Other professional activities

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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, 2019 and 2023 post-electoral surveys, **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 the Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) project.

Columnist for *Kultura Liberalna*.

## Languages

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Native: English. Advanced: Polish.