

# PIOTR BYSTRANOWSKI

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## Employment

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| <b>Jagiellonian University</b> <i>Principal Investigator</i><br>↪ Interdisciplinary Centre for Ethics                         | <b>2025–Present</b><br><i>Kraków, Poland</i> |
| • NCN OPUS project <i>Ignorance of Law: A Study in Experimental Jurisprudence</i> (2025–2029):<br>leading a four-person team. |                                              |
| <b>Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods</b> <i>Post-doctoral Researcher</i><br>↪ Christoph Engel team        | <b>2024–2025</b><br><i>Bonn, Germany</i>     |
| • Computational analysis of judicial decision-making; behavioural experiments in legal contexts.                              |                                              |
| <b>Jagiellonian University</b> <i>Researcher</i><br>↪ Interdisciplinary Centre for Ethics                                     | <b>2019–2024</b><br><i>Kraków, Poland</i>    |
| • ERC Starting project <i>BIOUNCERTAINTY</i>                                                                                  |                                              |

## Education

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| <b>Jagiellonian University, Kraków</b><br>Doctor in Law ( <i>with distinction</i> )<br>Thesis: “Proxy criminalisation and its justification: An economic analysis”<br>Committee: Wojciech Załuski (supervisor), R. A. Duff, Alon Harel (reviewers) | <b>2014–2021</b> |
| <b>University of Bologna, University of Hamburg, University of Haifa</b><br>European Master in Law and Economics ( <i>with distinction, 4th out of 96</i> )                                                                                        | <b>2015–2016</b> |
| <b>Jagiellonian University, Kraków</b><br>Master in Law ( <i>with distinction</i> )                                                                                                                                                                | <b>2008–2013</b> |
| <b>Pontifical University, Kraków</b><br>Bachelor in Philosophy                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>2009–2012</b> |

## Research Stays

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| <b>Hong Kong University – Faculty of Law</b><br><i>HKU Law Outstanding Early Career Visiting Fellow</i> | May 2026     |
| <b>Georgetown University Law Center</b><br><i>Fulbright Senior Scholar</i>                              | Jan–Jun 2025 |
| <b>Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro — Faculty of Law</b><br><i>Visiting Scholar</i>     | May 2022     |
| <b>University of Surrey — Surrey Centre for Law and Philosophy</b><br><i>Visiting Researcher</i>        | Jan–Feb 2020 |
| <b>Hebrew University of Jerusalem — Faculty of Law</b><br><i>Visiting Doctoral Researcher</i>           | Feb–May 2019 |

## Prizes & Awards

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| <b>Senior Award</b><br><i>Polish–American Fulbright Commission</i>                                        | 2024 |
| <b>Scholarship for Outstanding Young Scholars</b><br><i>Minister of Science of the Republic of Poland</i> | 2023 |
| <b>Best Dissertation in Philosophy of Law</b><br><i>Polish Section of IVR</i>                             | 2022 |

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- [4] **Piotr Bystranowski**. “Self-absorbed, yet interesting?. A bibliometric study on general jurisprudence”. In: *Revus. Journal for Constitutional Theory and Philosophy of Law/Revija za ustavno teorijo in filozofijo prava* 54 (2024).
- [5] **Piotr Bystranowski**, Bartosz Janik, and Maciej Próchnicki. “Uncertainty and Condemnation. An Experimental Study on Lay and Expert Intuitions Regarding the Object of Criminal Punishment”. In: *Law & Social Inquiry* 49.4 (2024), pp. 1964–1989. DOI: [10.1017/lsi.2023.73](https://doi.org/10.1017/lsi.2023.73).
- [6] **Piotr Bystranowski** and Kevin Tobia. “Measuring Meta-Interpretation”. In: *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics* 180.2 (2024), pp. 281–305. DOI: [10.1628/jite-2024-0011](https://doi.org/10.1628/jite-2024-0011). URL: <https://www.mohrsiebeck.com/en/article/measuring-meta-interpretation-101628jite-2024-0011/>.
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- [9] Przemysław Pałka, **Piotr Bystranowski**, Bartosz Janik, and Maciej Próchnicki. “When “a Citizen” Becomes Little [M]ary [J]. The Abstract-concrete Effects in Legal Reasoning and the Rule of Law”. In: *Diritto & Questioni Pubbliche* (2023).
- [10] **Piotr Bystranowski**, Vilius Dranseika, and Tomasz Żuradzki. “Half a century of bioethics and philosophy of medicine: A topic-modeling study”. In: *Bioethics* 36 (9), 902-925 (2022).
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- [2] **Piotr Bystranowski** and Kevin Tobia. “Computational Methods in Empirical Studies on Legal Interpretation: Before Transformers and After”. In: *In the Minds of Judges: Argumentative Discourse at the Intersection of Law and Language*. Ed. by Gianluca Pontrandolfo and Stanisław Goźdz-Roszkowski. Foundations in Language and Law [FLL]. Accepted for publication. De Gruyter Mouton, 2025.
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- [4] Maciej Próchnicki, Bartosz Janik, and **Piotr Bystranowski**. “Debiasing numerical verdicts and judicial discretion: reflections on mitigating the anchoring effect in judicial decision-making”. In: *Judicial Decision-Making: Integrating Empirical and Theoretical Perspectives*. Ed. by **Piotr Bystranowski**, Bartosz Janik, and Maciej Próchnicki. Springer, 2022.
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Commentaries & Replies

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Edited Volumes

- [1] **Piotr Bystranowski**, Bartosz Janik, and Maciej Próchnicki. *Judicial Decision-making: Integrating Empirical and Theoretical Perspectives*. Springer, 2022.

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Invited Talks

- 2025 **‘Text’ and Textualism: A Computational Reading of U.S. Federal Caselaw**  
*Georgetown University — Computational Linguistics Joint Lab Meeting — Washington DC, United States*
- 2025 **Law, Ignorance, and Counterfactual Salience: Evidence from 110k Reddit Posts**  
*Yale University — Knobe Lab Meeting — New Haven, United States*
- 2025 **Ignorance of Law Does Not Excuse: A New Empirical Account**  
*CUNY Graduate Center — PsyPhi Lab Meeting — New York City, United States*
- 2025 **Legal Interpretation and Settlement Behavior: Evidence from a Lab Experiment**  
*Symposium on Legal Interpretation and Data — Washington DC, United States*
- 2024 **Ignorance of Law Does Not Excuse: A New Empirical Account**  
*Experimental Methods in Legal Scholarship Workshop — Bonn, Germany*
- 2023 **Rationality, Focality, Publicity: Experimental Jurisprudence and Salience Reasoning**  
*Law and Rationality Conference — Lisbon, Portugal*
- 2022 **Justice Before Expediency: Robust Intuitive Support for Rights Protection in Criminalization Decisions**  
*Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México — Mexico City, Mexico*

- 2022    **Proxy Crimes and How to Find Them (keynote)**  
*Polish Legal Theory Congress — Katowice, Poland*
- 2021    **Democratic Judicial Activism (with A. Harel and A. Morell)**  
*University of Maryland Carey School of Law — Constitutional Law & Economics Workshop – Baltimore, United States*
- 2018    **Behavioral Biases in Legal Adjudication: Anchoring Effect and Hindsight Bias**  
*University of Lucerne – Lucerne, Switzerland*

## Grants

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- FLL** 2025–2026 — \$41 667  
*Excellence Initiative at the Jagiellonian University*  
 Multiplayer online experiments as a research tool in experimental jurisprudence
- OPUS** 2024–2028 — \$455 890  
*National Science Centre, Poland*  
 Ignorance of Law: A Study in Experimental Jurisprudence
- ETIUDA** 2018–2019 — \$27 537  
*National Science Centre, Poland*  
 The problem of the justification of proxy criminalisation: An economic analysis
- PRELUDIUM** 2017–2021 — \$22 578  
*National Science Centre, Poland*  
 The problem of the justification of proxy criminalisation: An economic analysis

## Service to Profession

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- **Journal referee**: *Applied Cognitive Psychology*; *Asian Bioethics Review*; *Clinical Ethics*; *Cluster Computing*; *Cognitive Science*; *Criminal Justice Review*; *Diametros* (2×); *Digital Scholarship in the Humanities*; *Experimental Psychology*; *International Journal for the Semiotics of Law*; *Oñati Socio-Legal Series*; *Peer Community in Registered Reports*; *Social Psychological and Personality Science*; *Studia Iuridica*; *Synthese* (3×).
- **Book reviewer**: Bloomsbury Publishing.
- **Grant reviewer**: Agence Nationale de la Recherche, France.
- **Member**: Research Ethics Committee, Jagiellonian University (2022–present).
- **Organizer**: 4th European Experimental Philosophy Conference; Symposium on *LLMs for xPhi*; Yale-Oxford-Jagiellonian bioxphi Summit.

## Technical Skills

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<b>Programming</b>	Python, JavaScript, Bash
<b>Statistical computing</b>	R (tidyverse), Python (pandas, scikit-learn)
<b>NLP</b>	Python (NLTK, gensim, spaCy, transformers)
<b>Data collection</b>	Qualtrics, Prolific, Empirica, oTree

## Languages

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Polish	– native
English	– fluent
Portuguese	– fluent
Spanish	– reading proficiency