



## Graduate School for Social Research 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event

### Urgent Issues of Europe: Interdisciplinary, Inter-sectoral, and International Viewpoints

#### Inauguration of the 2022-2023 Academic Year at GSSR

October 6-8, 2022

Staszic Palace, Nowy Swiat 72, Warsaw

Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, IFiS PAN

Institute of Political Studies, ISP PAN

Institute of Psychology, IP PAN

**Thursday, October 6**

**Mirror Room**

9:30 – 9:55 Registration

#### **GSSR30: Inauguration of the 2022/2023 Academic Year at GSSR**

10:00 – 10:15 Welcome Address to the GSSR30 Event, by Andrzej Rychard, IFiS PAN Director

10:15 – 10:45 Opening of the Academic Year: Irina Tomescu-Dubrow, Director GSSR

Robert Balas, Director IP PAN

Piotr Osęka, Deputy Director for Research, ISP PAN

Gniewomir Hawrasz, GSSR Student Representative

10:45 – 11:15 Doctoral and Habilitation Diplomas Award Ceremony, Józef Niżnik, Chairperson,  
IFiS PAN Scientific Council

11:15 – 11:30 Best Doctoral Research Paper Award Ceremony, Ewa Domaradzka, IP PAN,  
GSSR Doctoral School Scientific Council

11:30 – 11:45 *Break*



11:45 – 13:00 Keynote Lecture, *Resistance and Fight for Rule of Law in Poland in Times of Shrinking Space for Civil Society*

Adam Bodnar, Dean of the Law Faculty of the SWPS University in Warsaw,  
former Ombudsman of the Republic of Poland (09.2015 - 07.2021)

13:00 – 14:15 *Lunch break*

### **GSSR30: Urgent Issues of Europe, Then and Now**

14:15 – 15:30 **Roundtable, Session 1: The Founding and Legacies of GSSR**

Agata Bielik-Robson, IFiS PAN

Michał Federowicz, IFiS PAN

John Fells, IFiS PAN

Jozef Niżnik, IFiS PAN

Andrzej Rychard, IFiS PAN

Chair: Irina Tomescu-Dubrow, IFiS PAN

15:30 – 16:00 *Coffee Break*

16:00 – 17:00 **Roundtable, Session 2: Democracy and Conflict**

Weronika Grzebalska, ISP PAN

Natalya Ryabinska, Collegium Civitas

Anna Wojciuk, University of Warsaw

Edit Zgut-Przybylska, GSSR and IFiS PAN

Chair: Łukasz Lipiński, Deputy Editor-in-chief of *Polityka*

**Friday, October 7**

**Marie Skłodowska–Curie Room**

10:00 – 11:30 **GSSR PhD Student Presentations, Session 3**

Chair: Katarzyna Krol, GSSR Sociology (IFiS PAN)

Jacek Mazurczak, GSSR, Sociology (IFiS PAN): *Radicalisation and Political Violence in Europe: A Test of Durkheimian Theories of Social Regulation and Social Integration*



Katarzyna Obarska, GSSR, Psychology (IP PAN): *Sexualized Drug Use: Prevalence, Characteristics, and its Association with Compulsive Sexual Behavior Disorder and Substance Use Disorder*

Barbara Barysz, GSSR, Philosophy (IFiS PAN): *Constructing Reality and the Work of Denial: Smoleńsk in the Eyes of Kronos*

Siarhei Salei, GSSR, Political Science (IPS PAN): *National and Post-Soviet Historical Memory in Belarusian Political Discourse, 1990s to 2020*

11:30 – 12:00 *Coffee break*

**12:00 – 13:00 Roundtable, Session 4: Toward a Better World**

Karolina Dudek, Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw and Colliers Define

Jacek Giedrojć, Warsaw Equity Group

Jacek Kucharczyk, Institute of Public Affairs, Poland

Andrzej Leder, IFiS PAN

Ludwika Włodek, Centre for East European Studies, University of Warsaw

13:00 – 14:30 *Lunch break*

**14:30 – 15:30 Workshop 1: Think Tanks, NGOs, and the Media**

Dorota Woroniecka, Polish Center for International Aid

Aliaksandr Papko, Belsat TV and Centre for East European Studies, University of Warsaw

Jan Frankowski, Institute for Structural Research, University of Warsaw

Melani Barlai, Unhack Democracy

Chair: Denise Powers, l'Université Paris-Panthéon-Assas

15:30 – 16:00 *Coffee break*

16:00 – 17:00 GSSR Alumni Association Meeting

19:00 GSSR social event, Kamerlana Restaurant, Mikołaja Kopernika 3, 00-367 Warsaw

**Saturday, October 8**

**PAN Klub, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

**10:30 – 11:30 Workshop 2: GSSR Alumni and Jobs Outside of Academia**

Lyubov Artemenko, Co-Founder, COO at GO TO-U



Daniel Slomka, Director for Corporate Content, Standard Chartered Bank

Wojciech Przybylski, Editor-in-Chief of *Visegrad Insight*

Joanna Fomina, IFiS PAN

11:30 – 12:00 *Coffee break*

12:00 – 13:15 **Workshop 3: GSSR Alumni and Academia**

Ilona Wysmulek, IFiS PAN

Ewa Jarosz, Faculty of Economic Sciences, University of Warsaw

Małgorzata Mikucka, University of Mannheim

Małgorzata Owczarska, Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Warsaw

Agata Szydłowska, Faculty of Design, Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw

Chair: Cristina Raț, Babes-Bolyai University - Cluj-Napoca

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**GSSR30 Organizing Committee:** Joshua Dubrow, IFiS PAN; Irina Tomescu-Dubrow, IFiS PAN & Director of GSSR; Anastas Vangeli, University of Ljubljana & GSSR Alumnus; Katarzyna Wyrzykowska, IFiS PAN & GSSR Alumna; Kinga Zawadzka, IFiS PAN & GSSR alumna; Edit Zgut, IFiS PAN & GSSR student; and GSSR Staff.

## Keynote Lecture

### Title and Abstract

Adam Bodnar, Dean of the Law Faculty of the SWPS University in Warsaw, former Ombudsman of the Republic of Poland (09.2015 - 07.2021)

*Resistance and Fight for Rule of Law in Poland in Times of Shrinking Space for Civil Society*

**Abstract:** Since 2015 Poland is undergoing a transformation of a political system – from democracy towards the system of competitive authoritarianism, resembling Hungarian model. At the same



time, however, various forms of resistance can be observed from the political opposition, lawyers, civil society and the media. The protest is reinforced by the actions of the European Union and other international organisations. Undemocratic changes also mean that space for civil society is shrinking. Despite this, non-governmental organizations and activists continue to protest while generating new forms of public engagement and response. The mechanisms for defending the rule of law can become an interesting example for other democracies, where independent institutions and courts are under attack for populist reasons.

## Graduate School for Social Research PhD Student Presentations

### Titles and Abstracts

Jacek Mazurczak, GSSR, Sociology (IFiS PAN)

*Radicalisation and Political Violence in Europe: A Test of Durkheimian Theories of Social Regulation and Social Integration*

Abstract: Despite the continuous development of research on extremism and terrorism, we still know little about the process that leads individuals to use political violence i.e. radicalization and the social conditions that foster it. To fill this knowledge gap, I use a theoretical framework based on Émile Durkheim's seminal book on suicide, involving the degree to which individuals' aspirations and behavior are socially embedded and constrained (social regulation) as well as the intensity of collective life (social integration). Employing a multi-level model built on data from the 2017 European Values Study, I examine which of these concepts is more relevant to predicting the justification of political violence and thus a key attitude in the early stages of radicalization. The results of the study allow not only to systematize the findings of previous research on radicalization, but also to complement contemporary readings of Durkheim and offer recommendations for front-line practitioners.

Katarzyna Obarska, GSSR, Psychology (IP PAN)

*Sexualized Drug Use: Prevalence, Characteristics, and its Association with Compulsive Sexual Behavior Disorder and Substance Use Disorder*

Abstract: Sexualized drug use (SDU) is defined as drug use during planned sexual activity. Compulsive sexual behavior disorder (CSBD) is characterized by a repetitive sexual activity that becomes a central focus of life and an inability to control sexual behavior. We aimed to examine: 1) the prevalence and characteristics of SDU among alcohol and/or drug abusers; 2) if SDU can be understood as a conjunction of CSBD and substance addictions or if it is an entirely new entity. We conducted a survey among patients from residential program treatment of MONAR centers diagnosed with substance use-related disorders. To measure the severity of CSBD, we used the CSBDS-19 questionnaire. We conducted the frequency analyses regarding the whole sample; further, a binominal logistic regression was performed. The SDU is highly prevalent among patients with substance addictions, both in males and females, regarding sexual orientation. This preliminary data suggest the association between SDU and CSBD. Both CSBD and substance addictions seem to be significant factors in understanding SDU.



Barbara Barysz, GSSR, Philosophy (IFiS PAN)

*Constructing Reality and the Work of Denial: Smoleńsk in the Eyes of Kronos*

Abstract: The subject of the paper is a vision of reality that the influential Polish philosophical journal *Kronos* constructed. *Kronos*' vision represents a conservative perspective. From the psychoanalytic point of view, the vision of reality, i.e. what appears to be real and factual to a subject – either individual or collective - is constructed due to the work of one of two mechanisms of negation: repression or denial, depending on the structure of the subject. The application of psychoanalysis to the discourse in *Kronos* raises the question: which of these two mechanisms is used in the journal? The aim is to identify and describe this mechanism based on the *Kronos* editors' narrative about the Smoleńsk catastrophe. The analysis highlights the role of denial in this narrative. Denial distorts the understanding of facts. As a result, the vision of reality in *Kronos* acquired a mythical character. *Kronos* developed a view that myths create, and should create, the structure of reality, and thus myths constitute the truth about the world and Poland.

Siarhei Salei, GSSR, Political Science (IPS PAN)

*National and Post-Soviet Historical Memory in Belarusian Political Discourse, 1990s to 2020*

Abstract: I examine the changes in official narratives of historical memory in Belarus from the 1990s to 2020 and factors that influenced those changes. Within this time, Belarus constructed new political identities of what it means to be “Belarusian” that are rooted in two competing versions of historical memory: National and Post-Soviet. These versions of historical memory have co-existed and competed in various spheres of Belarusian public life. From the mid-1990s, a Post-Soviet narrative prevailed. As of 2014, the narrative shifted toward a National version of historical memory, which was officially tolerated along with the Post-Soviet version. The mass political protests of 2020 caused a return toward the Post-Soviet narrative in official discourse.

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### Brief Biographies of Event Participants

#### Keynote

#### Adam Bodnar

Dean of the Law Faculty of the SWPS University in Warsaw, former Ombudsman of the Republic of Poland (09.2015 - 07.2021)

Adam Bodnar is a Professor of Law and Dean of the Law Faculty of the SWPS University in Warsaw; visiting professor of the University of Cologne; senior fellow of the Democracy Institute of the Central European University in Budapest; former Ombudsman of the Republic of Poland (09.2015 - 07.2021); member of advisory boards of International IDEA, World Organization Against Torture, Liberties and World Justice Project; and columnist of „Gazeta Wyborcza” and “Polityka”.



## Roundtable and Workshop Speakers

### Lyubov Artemenko

Co-founder of GO TO-U

Lyubov Artemenko is a clean-tech entrepreneur and co-founder of GO TO-U, a platform that makes the experience of driving and charging electric vehicles (EV) simpler, more comfortable, and more accessible. GO TO-U's software technology enables operators to manage, operate and monetize EV charging infrastructure. Its unique reservation system provides more efficient utilization of EV charging stations, enhancing customer satisfaction and loyalty. Lyubov has 10+ years in research, business strategy and development. She obtained a doctoral degree from the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences and MA degree from Lancaster University, the UK. Lyubov is an Ambassador of One Young World. GSSR alumna.

### Melani Berani

Co-founder, Unhack Democracy

Melani is co-founder of the election watchdog Unhack Democracy that works to support electoral integrity in Europe. She is also co-founder and coordinator of the Hungarian online voting advice application "Vokskabin " whose primary goal is to advise citizens on issues which are most socially relevant and to help point out the differences between the positions of the political parties and our own opinions. She currently works for netPOL (Network Political Communication), an international academic political communications network at Andr ssy University. She holds a PhD in Political Science from the Eberhard Karls University of T bingen. Her main research interests are: electoral integrity in Europe and the political system of Hungary.

### Agata Bielik-Robson

Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences

Agata Bielik-Robson is a Professor of Jewish Studies at the University of Nottingham and a Professor of Philosophy at the Polish Academy of Sciences. She published articles in Polish, English, German, French and Russian on philosophical aspects of psychoanalysis, romantic subjectivity, and the philosophy of religion (especially Judaism and its crossings with modern philosophical thought). Her publications include books: *The Saving Lie: Harold Bloom and Deconstruction* (Northwestern University Press, May 2011), *Judaism in Contemporary Thought: Traces and Influence* (coedited with Adam Lipszyc, Routledge 2014), *Philosophical Marranos: Jewish Cryptotheologies of Late Modernity* (Routledge 2014), *Another Finitude: Messianic Vitalism and Philosophy* (Bloomsbury, 2019), and *Derrida's Marrano Passover: Exile, Survival, Betrayal and the Metaphysics of Non-Identity* (forthcoming in Bloomsbury, 2023).



### **Karolina J. Dudek**

Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw and Colliers Define

Karolina J. Dudek is an Assistant Professor at the Design History & Theory Department, Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw and an Associate Director at People & Places Advisory, Colliers Define. She holds a PhD in Sociology from the Polish Academy of Sciences, MAs in Management and International Relations from the Warsaw School of Economics and a BA in Ethnology from the University of Warsaw. She also finished a postgraduate course in Polish Philology at the University of Warsaw. Her research interests focus on knowledge, workplace design, technology, and design management. Publications include, *Koniec ery calvadosu: Design i praca w późnej nowoczesności* (2019), *Sieci wiedzy: Teoria zarządzania między nauką a praktyką* (2018), and *Pustynia kulturalna? Siedem szkiców o działaniu na Grochowie* (2018, with S. Sikorą). GSSR alumna.

### **Michał Federowicz**

Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences

Michał Federowicz, professor of sociology at IFiS PAN, head of the Unit of the Sociology of Politics, Economy and Education. In 1994 he was awarded an individual studies programme as a scholarship holder of the Kościuszko Foundation at Cornell University and Harvard University (Centre for European Studies). In 1999-2016 he coordinated the Polish research group of PISA (the OECD Programme for International Student Assessment). In 2005 he founded a Research Group on Cross-Disciplinary Education Studies, from 2009-2017 he headed the Educational Research Institute in Warsaw, from 2017-2021 – director of the Graduate School for Social Research (GSSR). Member of the editorial board of the *Polish Sociological Review* (2000-2011), and chief editor of the quarterly *Edukacja* (2012 – June 2018).

### **John Fells**

Graduate School for Social Research

I have been involved with higher education in Eastern Europe and more particularly in Poland since 1990, first as an employee of the Polish Ministry of National Education in the office implementing the EC TEMPUS Programme and later in the EC TEMPUS Office in Brussels. In 1995 I returned to Warsaw to help establish the Centre for Social Studies which in 2004 amalgamated with the Graduate School for Social Research (GSSR) of the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences (IFiS PAN). I was Acting Director of the GSSR in the years 2013-17.

### **Joanna Fomina**

Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences

Joanna Fomina is Professor of the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences, where she received her Ph.D. in social sciences (2010) and habilitation (2022). She is





also graduate of the Jagiellonian University, Krakow and Humboldt University, Berlin. Her academic interests include migration and migrant integration policies in the EU, including migrants' civic and political participation, EU integration, Euroscepticism and populism, and democratization processes in Central and Eastern Europe. Her most recent book, *Political Dissent and Democratic Remittances The Activities of Russian Migrants in Europe* (Routledge, 2022) explores the activities of post-2011 Russian political emigrants to the EU states who voice political dissent after leaving their country. She also has extensive experience as researcher and trainer on migration, human rights and democratic norms and principles, having worked the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, the Batory Foundation, the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights, the Institute of Public Affairs, and Helsinki Foundation of Human Rights. GSSR alumna.

### **Jan Frankowski**

Institute for Structural Research

Jan Frankowski is an analyst at the Institute for Structural Research, and a PhD Candidate in Sociology at the Graduate School for Social Research. He is a researcher with 10 years of experience in the areas of regional development, energy and housing. He coordinated and carried out several dozen of scientific and applied projects for international and Polish research institutions, ministries, and regional and local governments.

### **Jacek Giedrojc**

Warsaw Equity Group

Jacek Giedrojc is the founder of Warsaw Equity Group. He holds a BA from Victoria University of Wellington, MBA from Harvard Business School and PhD from GSSR. GSSR alumnus.

### **Weronika Grzebalska**

Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences

Weronika Grzebalska is an Assistant Professor in Sociology at the Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences. Her research centers on social and institutional transformations in contemporary Poland and Central and Eastern Europe, with a particular focus on the military and defense, war and its memory, right-wing politics, and gender politics. Dedicated to the principles of public sociology, she works at the intersection of academia, policy, and public engagement. She currently serves as the co-editor of a CEU Press book series "Perpetrators of Organized Violence. Eastern, Central and South-Eastern Europe". In the past, she was a RethinkCEE fellow of the German Marshall Fund of the United States, a Trajectories of Change fellow of the ZEIT-Stiftung, a Kosciuszko Foundation fellow at Clark University, and the president of the Polish Gender Studies Association. GSSR alumna.



## Ewa Jarosz

Faculty of Economic Sciences, University of Warsaw

Ewa Jarosz is an assistant professor at the Faculty of Economic Sciences, University of Warsaw. In her work, she specializes in cross-national studies and uses comparative survey data, time use data, and panel data. Her research interest include time use, demographic change, social inequality, health, and wellbeing. GSSR alumna.

## Jacek Kucharczyk

The Institute of Public Affairs (IPA), Poland

Jacek Kucharczyk, a PhD of the Polish Academy of Sciences, is President of the Institute of Public Affairs (IPA), one of Poland's leading think tanks. In the 1980s, Kucharczyk was active in the independent student movement and clandestine publishing in Poland. He has been a co-founder and board member of a number of international NGOs, including Prague Civil Society Center, the European Partnership for Democracy (EPD) in Brussels and Policy Association for an Open Society PASOS in Prague. He currently holds Vice-Chairmanship of the Civil Society Pillar of the Community of Democracies. Dr Kucharczyk was also the chair and member of Advisory Board of Scholarship Programs at Open Society Foundations and earlier served as Advisory Board member of Think Tank Fund at Open Society Institute. Since 2017 he has been board member the OKO Foundation in Warsaw. In 2009-2015 he served as board member of the National School of Public Administration in Warsaw. Dr Kucharczyk regularly comments on current domestic and European affairs and political developments for Polish and international media. He has authored and edited articles, reports, policy briefs and books on European integration, democratic governance, populism and migration policy. In 2021 he published *The Specter of Polesxit? Social attitudes towards Polish membership of the European Union*. Dr Kucharczyk studied at the Graduate School for Social Research in Warsaw, Graduate Faculty of the New School for Social Research in New York, the University of Kent at Canterbury (MA in philosophy) and Warsaw University (MA in English studies). GSSR alumnus.

## Andrzej Leder

Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences

Professor Andrzej Leder studied philosophy in the University of Warsaw and prepared his PhD in philosophy in the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences. He works on political philosophy and philosophy of culture, applying phenomenological and psychoanalytical tools, especially Lacanian psychoanalysis. Has published books in Polish and English, including *The Changing Guise of Myths* (2013), and in German *Polen im Wachtraum: Die Revolution 1939–1956 und ihre Folgen* (2019). His main work in political philosophy is *Sleepwalking the Revolution: Exercise in Historical Logics* (2014) that was vastly discussed in Poland and nominated for literary and scientific awards. He has also published articles in English and French philosophical journals. He was a visiting professor in Sorbonne University, France.



## **Łukasz Lipiński**

Deputy Editor-in-chief of *Polityka* weekly

Łukasz Lipiński is Deputy Editor-in-chief of *Polityka* weekly, responsible for digital editions. He is a journalist and editor, an expert on European issues at Institute InEuropa, and author of publications on European topics. He is the former Director for Analysis at Polityka Insight Analytical Centre (2013-18), national and foreign desk editor at the daily *Gazeta Wyborcza* (1997-2012). Marshall Memorial Fellow (2004), a former member of the program council of the Polish Press Agency (PAP), and member of the program council of the Polish Robert Schuman Foundation.

## **Małgorzata Mikucka**

MZES, Mannheim University

Małgorzata Mikucka is a sociologist affiliated with MZES, Mannheim University (Germany). In the past, she held positions at the Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research and at the Université Catholique de Louvain. Her research interests comprise social inequality, health and wellbeing in relation to life course events, and social relationships. Her work has been published, among others, in *Journal of Marriage and Family*, *European Journal of Population*, and *World Development*. GSSR alumna.

## **Józef Niznik**

Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences

Studied philosophy and sociology at the University of Warsaw, 1961-1966. Since 1973 employed in the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology at the Polish Academy of Sciences. Currently the head of the European Studies Unit. In 1971 Ph.D. in philosophy. In 1980 habilitation based on the thesis: "Object of knowledge in social sciences". In 1976/1977 and 1984/1985 visiting professor in the State University of New York at Stony Brook. In 1992 received the state title of professor. Co-founder and professor of the international Graduate School for Social Research at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences. Most of his research has been devoted to the theory of knowledge, science policy, and the border of philosophy and sociology, e.g., philosophy of social sciences and sociology of knowledge. Since 1987 collaborated with the Club of Rome and got involved in international affairs problems, global problems, and the problems of integration of Europe. Member of the Committee for Future Studies, "Poland 2000 Plus", at the Board of the Polish Academy of Sciences. Over 100 major publications in Polish and English in philosophy, methodology of social sciences, sociology of knowledge, and, since 1989, in global problems and the problems of European integration.

## **Małgorzata Owczarska**

Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Warsaw

Małgorzata Owczarska is a cultural anthropologist and ethnographer. Dr. Owczarska is an adjunct at the Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Warsaw, graduate of the



GSSR doctoral program, and Fulbright scholarship holder at the University of Hawai'i in Mānoa in Honolulu. She conducted research in Poland, Lithuania and French Polynesia. Her research interests are focused on blue humanities, Polynesian ethnography, indigenous peoples activism, and post-colonialism. She has also collaborated on cultural and community projects with NGOs and museums in Poland, India and Belgium. At the moment she conducts a National Science Centre, Poland grant titled: "Experiences of water excess, water deficit and water's balanced presence: A study in Blue Anthropology." GSSR alumna.

### **Aliaksandr Papko**

Belsat TV and Centre for East European Studies, University of Warsaw

Aliaksandr Papko is a Belarusian political scientist and journalist. He cooperates with Belsat Television, and the EAST Center think tank. He is also a member of Belarus in the Region expert team at the Centre for East European Studies at the University of Warsaw. Dr. Papko graduated from the Faculty of Journalism and Political Science at the University of Warsaw and the College of Europe in Natolin. He received a PhD degree in sociology from the Graduate School for Social Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences. Dr. Papko is the author of scientific articles on the economic system and foreign policy of Belarus, Belarusian media, and the ideology of the Belarusian authorities. GSSR alumnus.

### **Denise Powers**

l'Université Paris-Panthéon-Assas

Denise Powers received her PhD from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill after conducting field research in Poland on the way ordinary citizens framed their understandings of the transition from state socialism. After several years on the Political Science faculty of the University of Iowa, she worked for the US federal government and as a consultant for various NGOs in international development. She currently lives and works in Paris, where she is a filmmaker and a Maître de Langues at the Université Paris-Panthéon-Assas.

### **Wojciech Przybylski**

Editor-in-Chief of *Visegrad Insight* and President of the Res Publica Foundation

Wojciech Przybylski is Editor-in-Chief of *Visegrad Insight* and President of the Res Publica Foundation. He is also a Europe's Future Fellow at IWM - Institute of Human Sciences in Vienna and Erste Foundation (2021/22). He is a member of the advisory board of the LSE IDEAS Ratiu Forum, European Forum of New Ideas, and Open Eyes Economy Summit. He is a political analyst, leading strategic foresight in CEE on European affairs. His expertise includes foreign policy and political culture. Wojciech co-authored a book *Understanding Central Europe*, published in Routledge 2018. He has been published in, among other places, *Foreign Policy*, *Politico Europe*, *EUObserver*, *Zeit*, *Gazeta Wyborcza*, *Dziennik Gazeta Prawna*, *Onet*, *Project Syndicate*, *Journal of Democracy*, *Internazionale*, *VoxEurop*, *Hospodarske noviny*, and regularly appears in BBC, Al Jazeera Europe, Euronews, TRT World, TVN24, TOK FM, Swedish Radio and others.



## Cristina Raț

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Cristina Raț is lecturer at the Sociology Department of the Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj, Romania, teaching courses on class inequality and social policies. Since 2015, she has been the chair of the Department. Her research interest include the relation between social inequalities and welfare states, family policies, poverty and social exclusion, marginalized Roma communities, and precarious work. She earned her PhD at the Babeș-Bolyai University (2008) and holds an MA in Sociology from the Central European University – Warsaw office (2002). Between 2008 and 2016, she was executive editor of *Studia Sociologia*. She benefited from fellowships at the University of Oxford (2003-2004), IRES-CEPS (2007), and the Aleksanteri Institute Helsinki (2010). ORCID ID: <https://orcid.org/0000-0001-8647-460X>

## Natalya Ryabinska

Collegium Civitas

Natalya Ryabinska is Associate Professor at Collegium Civitas in Warsaw. She published on media systems, media transformations, political and international communication in post-Communist Europe and Eurasia, with a particular focus on Ukraine. Her publications include *Ukraine's Post-Communist Mass Media: Between Capture and Commercialization* (Verlag 2017), and “Transformation of media in ‘in-between’ post-communist societies: An interdisciplinary approach” in Eva Polonska, Charlie Beckett (eds.) *Public Service Broadcasting and Media Systems in Troubled European Democracies* (Palgrave Macmillan 2019). Her current research deals with political humor in Ukraine and its impact on the audience’s attitudes towards politics. GSSR alumna.

## Andrzej Rychard

Director of the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences

Andrzej Rychard is Director of the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology PAN; Professor of Sociology of IFiS PAN; Corresponding Member and Member of the Committee for Sociology of PAN; and Chairman of the Council of the Stefan Batory Foundation. Prof. Rychard was a former Director of GSSR, and was visiting professor at many universities, including Harvard University, Indiana University, Cornell University, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. Among his main publications: *Władza I interesy w gospodarce polskiej u progu lat 80* (translation: *Power and interests in the Polish economy in the 80s*), Uniwersytet Warszawski, 1987, which received the Stanisław Ossowski Prize; *Reform, adaptation, and breakthrough*, IFiS Publishers, 1993; *Legitymizacja w Polsce. Nieustający kryzys w zmieniających się warunkach?* (translation: *Legitimacy: Continuous crisis in the changing context?*), co-edited, IFiS Publishers, 2010; *The Legacy of Polish Solidarity*, co-edited, Peter Lang Edition, Frankfurt am Main, 2015; and "PiS: the end of the beginning" in *Poland's memory wars*, Jo Harper (ed.), CEU Press, 2018. He is a frequent commentator in Polish and foreign media on social and political events.



## **Agata Szydłowska**

Faculty of Design, Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw

Agata Szydłowska is a graduate of Art History Institute, University of Warsaw (MA) and the Graduate School for Social Research. She completed her PhD thesis in 2015 and defended it at the Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Warsaw. Currently she works as an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Design, Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw, and is also the Head of the Design Theory Department. Apart from academia, she works as a curator and writer. She works in transdisciplinary and interspecies collectives on exhibitions and art events at the intersection of art, design, activism and natural sciences. She's also an author and co-author of books and essays. In her PhD thesis she researched type design as a platform for constructing collective identities in post-1989 Poland. Currently her research interests range from social history of Polish post-war design to art and design beyond anthropocentrism. She is an active member of the Inicjatywa Pracownicza trade union. GSSR alumna.

## **Irina Tomescu-Dubrow**

Director of the Graduate School for Social Research

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