



The Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences
announces the competition for a

PhD Student Research Assistant position
in the project

Structures and Futures: the Polish Panel Study POLPAN 1988-2023

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We seek a PhD student in sociology, political science, psychology, economics, statistics, or another social science, to join as research assistant (RA) in the project “Structures and Futures: Polish Panel Study POLPAN 1988-2023.” This project is funded by the National Science Centre, Poland (2022/45/B/HS6/04090).

Number of scholarships: **1**

Possibility to start: **November 12, 2024**

We offer an opportunity to work in an interdisciplinary research team with considerable international collaboration and joint publications. The position offers a scientific stipend of up to **PLN 4,000/month** (net), paid for **12 months**, with the possibility of renewal for 12 more months. The Institute of Philosophy and Sociology PAN is an equal opportunity employer.

Required professional qualifications

Verified on the basis of the submitted application (in English) and during the personal interview:

- PhD student in good standing in the social sciences (e.g. sociology, psychology, economics, political science)
- Excellent communication skills in English and Polish, both spoken and written (at the level of min. C1)
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office
- Strong organizational skills and attention to detail
- Quantitative literacy (i.e., the ability to understand empirical social science research that is based on statistical analyses of, e.g., administrative data, survey data)
- Independence and willingness to improve scientific skills with basic statistical procedures and quantitative analysis software
- Willingness to work in an international research team

Desirable additional qualifications (optional requirements)

- Familiarity with R/ STATA software
- Familiarity with the basics of survey research methodology

Description of tasks

The tasks of **the PhD student** will include, among other related tasks:

- Work closely with the data scientists in reviewing the consistency of values and labels of variables in the POLPAN 1988-2018 dataset

- Update the Polish- and English-language documentation of POLPAN 1988-2018, following decisions of the research team
- Assist in preparation of the POLPAN 2023 documentation
- Assist in running the POLPAN Lab, <https://groups.io/g/polpanlab>, as a discussion forum for researchers specializing in substantive and methodological issues of panel data and panel analyses
- Participate in team meetings and the POLPAN seminars
- Produce publicly available reports and articles to send to high quality publications
- Assist in popular dissemination of research results

Information about the project:

Few empirical studies examine the dynamic link between social structure—resources and experiences—anticipated threats and opportunities, and even fewer do so with surveys, due to lack of adequate panel data. We respond to these shortcomings by extending the Polish Panel Survey, POLPAN 1988-2018 (polpan.org) with a new wave in 2023 to introduce a framework in research on social structures focusing on perceived changes and expected trends.

The fundamental problematic of this project is: To what extent are people’s perceptions of upcoming threats and opportunities in five key domains of life – *wealth and living standards, health and health services, aging and social security, migration and multinationalism, and national security* – determined, in a statistical sense, by one’s position in the social structures, and to what extent by past resources and experiences?

The 2023 survey involves a managed renewal of POLPAN. We retain the core of the questionnaire but add new items that improve measurement for the domains of this study focuses on. To retain the representativeness of the adult population in Poland, the POLPAN 2023 sample will be supplemented with (i) respondents in the age range 21 - 26 years, and (ii) respondents in the age range 27 to 60 years. We will construct two data sets, the cross-sectional POLPAN 2023 file and the integrated POLPAN 1988-2023 dataset. In line with our established tradition, after anonymization and following RODO/GDPR standards, after anonymization and following RODO/GDPR standards, we will place the 1988-2023 POLPAN dataset in public repositories. For more information on POLPAN, visit the project website: <https://polpan.org>

How to apply

Persons interested in applying for this RA position are invited to electronically submit the following documents (PDF format only):

- Cover letter (max. 650 words) in English that explains why the applicant wants to work in this project.
- CV in English, including, as applicable: the applicant’s education; scientific achievements; awards for achievements (e.g., scholarships, fellowships, academic exchanges); conference and workshop presentations; research experience in Poland or abroad; other skills relevant to the project.
- Writing sample that includes the applicant’s dissertation research idea (max. 750 words).
- Letter from the PhD program/PhD school (1) indicating that the applicant belongs to that program, and (2) listing the applicant’s completed courses and corresponding grades, and academic standing in the PhD program (as applicable, please see below).

Applicants who start their PhD studies in the academic year 2024/2025 must present (1) the Letter of acceptance from the PhD school/program (pdf, signed by a representative of the school’s administration), and (2) the applicant’s written statement that they accepted the offer of that particular PhD school/program..

- One letter of recommendation from a researcher familiar with the applicant’s academic performance.
- Documents confirming experience and skills are welcome (m.in certificates of internship or apprenticeship, training certificates);

In your application, please include the following **clauses** and sign each one:

1. I consent to the processing of my personal data (contained in the application documents) by the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences, with its seat in Warsaw, ul. Nowy Świat 72, for recruitment purposes.

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Signature

2. I have read the Rules and Regulations for conducting a competition for research positions at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

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Signature

3. I declare that in the event of my employment at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences, I shall authorise the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences to count me among the employees conducting scholarly research in the scholarly field indicated by the Institute Director (sociology and/or philosophy).

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Signature

Questions about this position should be directed to Irina Tomescu-Dubrow (irina.tomescu@gssr.edu.pl) and Kazimierz M. Slomczynski (slomczynski.1@osu.edu).

Applications must be electronically submitted by **October 14, 2024** to the following address: konkurs@ifispan.edu.pl with a note in the title: "**Research assistant, NCN Grant POLPAN 2024.**"

Submission of incomplete documentation is the basis for rejection of the application during the formal assessment.

Selection procedure:

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The selection of applicants will be conducted on the basis of the principles set out in *the Regulations On Awarding Funding For Research Tasks Funded By The National Science Centre As Regards Research Projects* (Annex to NCN Council Resolution No 23/2024 of 4 March 2024) and in accordance with generally applicable laws and internal regulations of the entity in which the project is implemented.

The selection process involves two stages. In the **first stage**, the Selection Committee will apprise the *completeness of application packages* on formal grounds, and make a preliminary assessment of candidates on the basis of submitted documents. Up to four of the highest rated candidates will be invited to a personal interview.

Personal interviews, to be conducted in English and lasting up to 30 minutes, constitute the **second stage** of the competition. Interviews will be scheduled for: **October 22-24, 2024** via zoom or at IFIS' headquarters.

We will notify applicants about the outcome of the selection process by **October 30, 2024**. In the event of resignation of the selected application, we reserve the right to indicate the next application from the ranking list.

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The Data Protection Officer may be contacted by email at: iod@ifispan.edu.pl.

Your personal data will be processed for recruitment purposes on the basis of Article 6(1)(a) of the GDPR (based on your consent). Your data will be processed until the end of the recruitment process. After the closing of the recruitment process, the application documents submitted by those not accepted will be destroyed. Your data will not be processed in an automated or profiled manner. You have the right to access the content of your data as well as the right to its correction, deletion and restriction of processing, the right to data portability, and the right to object to its processing by sending an email to: konkurs@ifispan.edu.pl.

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Providing data is voluntary but failure to do so shall make it impossible for you to participate in the recruitment process.

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

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