

REGISTRATION FORM FOR POLISH SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTION

1. Research institution data (name and address):

Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Nowy Świat 72, 00-330 Warszawa, www.ifispan.pl

2. Type of research institution (select one from the 7 listed options):

2) research unit of the Polish Academy of Sciences

3. Head of the institution: Prof. Dr. Andrzej Rychard

4. Contact information of designated person(s) for applicants and NCN (first and last name, position, e-mail address, phone number, correspondence address):

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5. Research discipline in which the strong international position of the institution ensures establishing a Dioscuri Centre (select one from the 25 listed disciplines):

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences:

X Individuals, institutions, markets

6. Description of important research achievements from the selected discipline from the last 5 years including a list of the most important publications, patents, other (up to one page in A4 format):

Research on the topic of “individuals, institutions, markets” is conducted in three research groups: *Social Structure* (headed by prof. Henryk Domański), *Political and Economic Sociology* (prof. Michał Federowicz), and *Comparative Analysis of Social Inequalities* (prof. Kazimierz M. Słomczyński). The relationship between individuals, institutions and markets is studied by looking at market participation and exclusion and the mechanisms generating and reproducing inequalities in three dimensions: economic, cultural, and political.

Recent work focused on the relationship between institutions and individuals. Most projects investigated the relationship between large-scale social change and everyday economic practices in markets and households. These projects focused on new forms of economic coordination in contemporary capitalism and their impact on social cleavages and forms of inequality and economic exclusion, especially with regard to family life (Olcoń-Kubicka), credit and consumption (Halawa), work (Serafin), and in educational markets (Domański). Much of this research is conducted within [The Max Planck Partner Group for the Sociology of Economic Life](#), established at IFiS in 2017.

The Institute has a long tradition of investigating how inequalities emerge and are reproduced within political institutions. Recent work focused on unequal influence over decisions made by political bodies and the unequal outcomes of those decisions within democratic systems across 60 countries. It distinguished between different kinds of political inequality using multi-disciplinary and cross-national perspectives (Dubrow). In addition, a comparative study on legitimization and social cohesion in determination of political culture across European countries was conducted using the European Social Survey (Sztabiński), along with analysis of the Polish “Solidarity” movement (Rychard).

A new line of research has addressed the impact of inequalities on culture and consumption lifestyles of individuals (Domański). A large project demonstrated that eating patterns – like tastes in music, sports and clothing – create symbols of social stratification. It proved that eating styles are among factors sustaining the existing social class hierarchy despite the impact of globalization, migration, mass consumption and other phenomena which might have been regarded as contributing to a declining role of class position.

List of the most important publications:

- Domański Henryk, Federowicz, Michał, Pokropek Artur, Przybysz Dariusz, Sitek Michał, Smulczyk Marek, Żółtak Tomasz. 2016. *Effects of Social Origin and Abilities on Educational Choices*. In: Zhao Kebin, Lu Peng (eds.) *Beyond the Transition. Social Change in China and Central Europe*. Beijing: Social Sciences Academic Press: 93-119.
- Dubrow, Joshua K. (ed.). 2015. *Political Inequality in the Age of Democracy: Cross-National Perspective*, London: Routledge
- Rychard Andrzej, Motzkin Gabriel (eds.). 2015. *The Legacy of Polish Solidarity*. Frankfurt: Peter Lang
- Halawa, Mateusz. 2015. New Warsaw: Mortgage Credit and the Unfolding of Space and Time. *Cultural Studies*, 29(5-6): 707-732.
- Olcoń-Kubicka, Marta. 2016. Financial Arrangement as a Reflection of Household Order. *Polish Sociological Review*, 196(4): 477-494
- Sztabiński, Paweł B., Domański, Henryk, and Sztabiński Franciszek (eds.). 2015. *Hopes and Anxieties in Europe. Six Waves of the European Social Survey*. Frankfurt: Peter Lang.
- Serafin, Marcin. 2016. Cacophony of Contestation: Forms of Voice and the Warsaw Taxi Market as a Field of Struggles. *European Journal of Sociology*. 57(2): 259-295

7. List of no more than 3 important research projects from the selected discipline awarded in national and international calls to the institution in the last 5 years (title, name of PI, source of funding, amount of funding):

1. Title: Max Planck Partner Group for the Sociology of Economic Life
Name of PI: Marcin Serafin (IFiS PAN/Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies)
Source of funding: Max Planck Society
Amount of funding: 60,000.00 EURO
Year of funding: 2017

Abstract: The Max Planck Partner Group for the Sociology of Economic Life is a joint project of IFiS PAN in Warsaw and the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies in Cologne (MPIfG). The main area of cooperation between IFiS PAN and MPIfG pertains to the impact of digital platforms on contemporary capitalism. Moreover the group studies the impact of socially anchored expectations on different domains of economic and social life.

2. Title: Survey Data Recycling: New Analytic Framework, Integrated Database, and Tools for Cross-national Social, Behavioral and Economic Research (SDR Project)
Name of PIs: J. Craig Jenkins (Ohio State University), Irina Tomescu-Dubrow and Kazimierz M. Słomczyński (IFiS PAN)
Source of funding: (US) National Science Foundation (Award number: 1738502)
Amount of funding: 1,402,259.00. USD (Dollars)
Year of Funding: 2017

Abstract: This grant is administered by Ohio State University with IFiS PAN being the main subcontractor (1/3 of the net cost). This project applies the analytic framework of Survey Data Recycling, SDR, a data reprocessing paradigm that incorporates indicators of data quality from the source data as controls in ex-post survey harmonization, to (1) build theory-informed ‘big data’ for the social sciences; and (2) devise methodological tools for analyzing data from survey harmonization. The SDR project enables innovative data-intensive research in major substantive social science fields: Social Capital and Wellbeing; Social Capital and Political Participation; and Democracy and Political Participation.

3. Title: From School to Work: Individual and Institutional Determinants of Educational and Occupational Career Trajectories of Young Poles
Name of PI: Henryk Domański (IFiS PAN)
Source of funding: (Polish) National Science Centre
Amount of funding: 2,188,125.00 PLN (Polish Zloty)
Year of funding: 2013, with continuation

Abstract: The project is designed to be a second set of measurements in a longitudinal enterprise, aimed at monitoring links between educational qualifications and labour-market outcomes. It focuses on the educational and occupational choices of young Poles in the context of broader issues of social stratification and mobility in a society experiencing a massive institutional change of both market structures and educational system. It combines the estimates of students’ learning outcomes with a number of sociological variables, including socio-economic status, family background and social capital, as well as position in the labour-market and further educational activity of young people.

8. Description of the available laboratory and office space for the Dioscuri Centre (up to one page in A4 format):

The Institute of Philosophy and Sociology is located in the Staszic Palace, a historic building located in the heart of Warsaw. The location of the Staszic Palace facilitates participation in both the academic life and the cultural life of the city. The Institute is located close to the Institute's library as well as the library of the University of Warsaw. Since the whole Institute is located in the Staszic Palace, members of the Dioscuri Centre will have easy access to other scholars from the Institute. The Institute employs 90 scholars working on various topics in sociology, history, philosophy and cognitive science, and each year organizes a large number of seminars, lectures and workshops both in Poland and abroad.

The Institute will provide the Dioscuri Centre with two large offices in the Staszic Palace: one for the leader of the project and one for the other members of his team and the stipend holders. Both offices will be equipped with an appropriate number of computers and printers. The computers will be connected to the network of the Institute. Besides standard software (Office, Outlook), computers will be equipped with programs for statistical analysis (SPSS and STATA), as well as programs for analysis of qualitative data and mixed methods such as MAXQDA and Atlas.ti. Members of the team will have access to the most important academic databases including JSTOR, VIRTUAL SCIENCE LIBRARY, EBSCO, Cambridge Journals, Oxford Journals, SAGE Journals, Scopus, Taylor & Francis Online, Web of Science, Wiley Online Library, as well as the bibliography of Polish Philosophy and all the publications created both at IFiS and the Department of Sociology of the University of Warsaw.

The Dioscuri Centre will also have access to the infrastructure of IFiS. This includes 5 seminar rooms, a library, and a large computer room with more than 20 computers equipped with programs for analysis of quantitative and qualitative data.

Besides benefiting from the infrastructure of IFiS PAN, the Dioscuri Centre will also benefit from the extended infrastructure of the Polish Academy of Sciences. This includes, among other things, access to PAN Science Centers located in Paris, Rome, Vienna, Moscow, and Kiev. Moreover, the Dioscuri Centre will benefit from the [Polish Institute of Advanced Studies](#) (PIASt) located within PAN. PIASt enables renowned social scientists from around the world to conduct cutting edge and interdisciplinary research. PIASt fellows, released from their usual teaching obligations and administrative activities for a period of 6-12 months, are able to pursue their projects in a multi-disciplinary and international community of scholars.

9. List of the available scientific equipment for Dioscuri Centre:

IFiS PAN hosts the Archive of Quantitative Data and Archive of Qualitative Data, which contain large collections of Polish research. Within the Institute is also the Centre for Sociological Research (CSR), which specializes in methodological problems of qualitative and quantitative research practice. Among other projects, CSR is responsible for the European Social Survey, one of the most important in social science surveys. The Institute also has its own library with the largest catalogue in philosophy and sociology in Poland, and provides access to the catalogue of the University of Warsaw Library.

10. List of the additional benefits that the Institution declares to provide for Dioscuri Centre (i.e.: additional funds, personal benefits, other) (up to one in page A4 format):

The Institute will contribute 25.000 Euro annually to the costs of the Centre, and in addition will provide administrative and accounting services. Just like Polish employees, employees of the Centre will be covered by social insurance, including health insurance. This insurance includes the possibility of benefiting from basic health services including hospital treatment anywhere in the EU. In accordance with Polish labour law their remuneration will include a premium for length of service amounting to between 3% and 20% of basic salary, increasing by 1% annually.

Employment in Poland as in other EU member states and in countries bound by international social security agreements (USA, Canada, Australia) will be counted towards retirement pensions to be paid according to the regulations of the pensions system in the given country. Poland has also signed agreements with many countries about avoidance of double taxation. In accordance with Polish law, employees of the Centre will be entitled to 36 days annual leave.

Employees of the Centre will also be entitled to benefit from the workplace social fund of the Institute, covering, among other things, partial reimbursement of holiday costs and also low interest loans toward the cost of purchase of accommodation (1-5% depending on the repayment period).

The Institute also offers assistance to the director of the Centre with respect to other matters concerned with moving to Poland and living in Warsaw: with finding academic employment for partners, appropriate schools for any children, access to language courses etc.

11. Other information about the internationalisation of the research institution, international researchers employed at the institution, the availability of English language seminars etc. (up to one page in A4 format):

The Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences ([IFiS PAN](#)) is one of the leading and most international research institutes in Poland, one of the few to receive the highest A+ category of “academic excellence” from the Polish government. Since 1992 IFiS has hosted the [Graduate School for Social Research \(GSSR\)](#). GSSR provides graduate and postgraduate education. The School offers the possibility of obtaining a British Master of Arts degree from Lancaster University, as well as a doctorate from IFiS PAN. Lectures and seminars are all held in English by top Polish social scientists, as well as 8 professors from abroad (including UK, USA, and Australia). There are currently 58 doctoral students; more than 35 % of whom are foreigners, the majority coming from other countries in Central and Eastern Europe. The School has previously acted as the sociology department of the Central European University. The school was twice awarded the *Hannah Arendt Prize*, established by the Körber Foundation.

The Graduate School is involved in a number of international projects including the “[Graduate SPIRIT Project](#)” funded by the EU Erasmus+ program. The project is coordinated by Erasmus University Rotterdam and involves nine academic institutions from different countries, including two from Germany (Heidelberg University and Leipzig University). The Institute’s Graduate School is also a partner in the a.r.t.e.s. EUmanities Horizon 2020: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions program of the Graduate School for the Humanities Cologne.

IFiS hosts two international research groups. Together with Ohio State University, IFiS created [Cross-National Studies: Interdisciplinary Research and Training Program \(CONSIRT\)](#). Within its international network of institutions and scholars, CONSIRT prepares and administers complex research projects with a cross-national perspective. The largest project related to the group is the [Survey Data Recycling Project](#), funded by United States government, through the National Science Foundation (NSF). It applies the analytic framework of Survey Data Recycling, SDR, a data reprocessing paradigm that incorporates indicators of data quality from the source data as controls in ex-post survey harmonization. The Institute also has a joint research group with the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies (MPIfG). The [Max Planck Partner Group for the Study of Economic Life](#) explores the cultural, social and political dimensions of contemporary economies. The Partner Group is funded by the Max Planck Society. Students of the Graduate School have the opportunity to become visiting researchers at the MPIfG and participate in doctoral workshops organized jointly by the MPIfG and Paris Institute of Political Studies

The Institute is involved in a number of large international research projects. The Institute is part of [COURAGE: Understanding the Cultural Heritage of Dissent in the Former Socialist Countries](#), a three-year international research project funded by Horizon 2020, the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation. The main objective of the project is to create a comprehensive online database (digital registry) of existing collections on the histories of and forms of cultural opposition in the former socialist countries. As noted above, since 2002, IFiS has been involved in the [European Social Survey \(ESS\)](#), which involves more than 20 countries, and is one of the most important international research projects in the social sciences. Another large international project is the Erasmus+ project [E-Story Media and History From Cinema to the Web](#), IFiS PAN being one of seven partners from different European countries.

The Institute edits and publishes a number of English language academic journals in sociology and philosophy, including ASKS and Research & Methods (co-published with Ohio State University). It also edits Polish journals that publish articles in English.

IFiS has a vibrant intellectual community. Each year the Institute hosts a large number of international seminars, conferences and summer schools on various topics in sociology, history, philosophy and cognitive science, as well as workshops in both qualitative and quantitative methods.

