



Curriculum Vitae

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Current Positions:

since 2024 – Vice-Rector for Research (University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland)
since 2023 – Director of the Research Centre for Social Activation of Senior Citizens (<https://centrumbadawczesas.us.edu.pl>), (University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland)
since 2018 – Deputy Director of the Research Center for Public Policy and Regulatory Governance (www.cbpr.us.edu.pl) (University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland)

Experience:

2019-2024 – Director of the Institute of Political Science (University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland)
2016-2019 – Deputy Director of the Institute of Political Science and Journalism (University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland)
2015-2022 – Director of the IPSO ORDO Academic Foundation
2010-2019 – adjunct, Institute of Political Science and Journalism (University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland)
2008-2010 – research assistant, Institute of Political Science and Journalism (University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland)
2007-2009 – psychologist at the Psychological and Pedagogical Counseling Center, Bytom, Poland

Education:

2015 – habilitation ('higher doctorat') in Political Science, University of Silesia, Katowice
2010 – Ph.D. in Political Science (*co-tutelle system*), University of Silesia in Katowice and Warsaw University
2008-2010 - Interdisciplinary Doctoral Studies at the Artes Liberales Academy in Warsaw
2006-2010 - Ph.D. student in Political Science (Department of Social Sciences, University of Silesia in Katowice, Poland).
2007 – M.A. in Psychology (work and organizational psychology), University of Silesia, Katowice

2006 - M.A. in Political Science (media and political communication), University of Silesia, Katowice

Areas of scientific/research interests and investigations:

- Psychology of politics
- Electoral behaviors
- Political participation
- Civil society and social capital
- Religiosity in the context of civic and political activity
- Conspiracy theories
- Communication skills

Research and Educational Projects:

- 2023-2025: *Trust in European Democracies*; Horizon Europe, no 101095237 (<https://www.truedem.eu/>)
- 2021-2025: OPUS 41: *Polish "grey voters". The impact of demographic changes on the election market in Poland. Study of the electoral cycle for the years 2023-2025*, the research project awarded by the National Science Center Poland (<https://greyvoters.us.edu.pl>).
- 2021-2025: OPUS-LAP 39: *Political potential of conspiracy theories. A study of Poland and Slovenia* (the research project in a consortium with the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia), awarded by the National Science Center Poland (<https://conspiracytheories.us.edu.pl>)
- 2021: *Trust as a value: corruption, inequality and social capital* (educational project with Eric Uslaner)
- 2016-2020: Management Committee COST Action CA15207 *Professionalisation and Social Impact of European Political Science* (<http://proseps.unibo.it/>)
- 2018-2019: MINIATURA: *Determinants of the political behavior of residents of the Silesian Voivodeship*, the research project awarded by the National Science Center Poland.

Awards:

- 2018-2019: Scholarship of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of Poland for outstanding young researchers
- 2021, 2022, 2023: Award (first tier) granted by the Rector of the University of Silesia for academic activities and research
- 2016, 2017, 2018, 2021: Award (second tier) granted by the Rector of the University of Silesia for academic activities and research
- 2011: Award of the Polish Society for Social Communication for the best doctoral dissertation in the field of social communication
- 2011: Award of the Rector of the University of Silesia for the doctoral dissertation in 2010

- 2006/2007; 2005/2006; 2004/2005: scholarship grantee of the Ministry of National Education and Sport of Poland for academic and civic achievements

Additional skills:

- November 15, 2023 - M_o_R Foundation Certificate in Risk Management,
- *Change management in the university* – October 28-29, 2020 (certificate no 60129/2020), Kraków, InProgress, Poland,
- *Evaluation of the quality of scientific activities*, October 3, 2019 & June 7, 2021, IDEA Centre of Education, Poland,
- *Integrative Psychotherapy of Depression*, 2008, Polish Institute of Psychotherapy (member of the European Association for Psychotherapy)
- certified mediator by the Polish Mediation Centre (2009, diploma no 1408/07/09)

Scholarly Publications:

Turska-Kawa, A & Pilch, I (2025), Active social media users on conspiracy Facebook groups. Political, leadership, and worldview profiles, „Communication Today? 16(1), 106-123.

Turska-Kawa, A. & Olszanecka-Marmola, A. (2025), Training or Procedures? Factors of Officials' Anti-corruption Attitudes. *The New Educational Review*, vol 79, pp. 81-93.

Turska-Kawa, A. & Galica, N. (2024), Religiosity and Conspiracy beliefs: Patterns of relationships. *Journal od Comparative Politics*, vol 17, is 2, pp. 36-48.

Turska-Kawa, A. (2023), Political Beliefs and Political Subjectivity of Grey Voters: The Case of Poland, *Polish Political Science Yearbook*, vol. 52(4), pp. 91-111.

Turska-Kawa, A. & Stępień-Lampa, N. (2023), Conspiracy theory mobilisation mechanisms in the context of the war in Ukraine: A study of Polish Twitter, [w:] A. Turska-Kawa, A. Kasińska-Metryka, K. Pałka-Suchojad (eds.) *War in Ukraine. Media and Emotions*, Palgrave MacMillan, (pp. 43-74).

.Turska-Kawa, A. Kasińska-Metryka, K. Pałka-Suchojad (eds.) *War in Ukraine. Media and Emotions*, Palgrave MacMillan.

Pilch, I., Turska-Kawa, A. & Galica, N. (2023). Religiosity, trust, and the acceptance of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic restrictions: the case of Poland. *Journal of Contemporary Religion*, vol 38, is 3, pp. 513-532. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13537903.2023.2260165>.

Pilch, I., Turska-Kawa, A. J., Wardawy-Dudziak, P. W., Olszanecka-Marmola, A. A., & Smółkowska-Jędo, W. K. (2023). Contemporary trends in psychological research on conspiracy beliefs. A systematic review. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 14, 1–19.

Turska-Kawa, A. (2022). Fear determinants of populism in Poland: Voters perspective. In *The Rise of Populism in Central and Eastern Europe* (pp. 115–127). Edward Elgar Publishing.

Turska-Kawa, A., & Glajcar, R. (2022). “All parties treat Silesians instrumentally”: On Political Representation at the Regional Level. *Nationalities Papers*, 50(2), 353–371.

Turska-Kawa, A. J., Csanyi, P., & Kucharčík, R. (2022). From the „rally ’round the flag” effect to a social crisis of confidence: Poland and Slovakia in the first year of the Covid-19 pandemic. *Journal of Comparative Politics*, 15, 20–38.

Turska-Kawa, A. J., & Pilch, I. (2022). Political beliefs and the acceptance of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic restrictions. The case of Poland. *PLoS ONE*, 17, 1–25

Pilch, I., Turska-Kawa, A. J., & Kurasz, Z. A. (2021). Experiencing fear during the pandemic: validation of the fear of COVID-19 scale in Polish. *PeerJ*, 9, 1–18.

Myslik, B., Khalitova, L., Zhang, T., Tarasevich, S., Kiouisis, S., Mohr, T., Kim, J. Y., Turska-Kawa, A. J., Carroll, C., & Golan, G. (2021). Two tales of one crash: Intergovernmental media relations and agenda building during the Smolensk airplane crash. *International Communication Gazette*, 169–192.

Khalitova, L., Myslik, B., Turska-Kawa, A. J., Tarasevich, S., & Kiouisis, S. (2020). He who pays the piper, calls the tune? Examining Russia’s and Poland’s public diplomacy efforts to shape the international coverage of the Smolensk crash. *Public Relations Review*, 1–17

Turska-Kawa, A. J., & Wojtasik, W. (2020). Incumbency advantage in the context of electoral manipulation: experiences of local elections in Poland. *Lex Localis-Journal of Local Self-Government*, 18, 647–674.

Turska-Kawa, A. J., & Wojtasik, W. (2020). The importance of religiosity in the formation of populist attitudes: the case of Poland. *Journal for the Study of Religions and Ideologies*, 19, 34–52.

Turska-Kawa, A. J., & Wojtasik, W. (2019). Perception of images of Polish presidents after 1989 in the context of democracy consolidation processes. *Journal of Comparative Politics*, 4–17.

Turska-Kawa, A. J. (2018). Centrality of religiosity versus civic involvement. The case of Poland. *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, 59, 39–48.

Turska-Kawa, A. J., & Wojtasik, W. (2018). Direct Democracy in Poland. Between Democratic Centralism and Civic Localism. *Journal of Comparative Politics*, 18–29.

Turska-Kawa, A. J., & Olszanecka-Marmola, A. A. (2018). Stereotypes Determining Perceptions of Female Politicians: the Case of Poland. *Politics in Central Europe*, 7–30.

Turska-Kawa, A. J., & Wojtasik, W. (2017). „Directiveness” as a Predictor of Religious Attitudes. *Polish Sociological Review*, 189–201.

Turska-Kawa, A. J., & Wojtasik, W. (2017). Diversity of Roman Catholics in Poland and their socio-institutional preferences. *Religio. Revue Pro Religionistiku*, 43–68.

Glajcar, R., Turska-Kawa, A. J., & Wojtasik, W. (2017). Political and personality aspects of creating political leadership in 2015 presidential election in Poland.[in:] . Kolczyński, M. A. Myśliwiec, & M. J. Pérez (eds.), *2015 - Elections in Poland and Spain and their consequences* (s. 23–40). Silesian University, Faculty of Public Policies in Opava.

Kolczyński, M., & Turska-Kawa, A. J. (2016). Changes in Voting Behaviours in Poland after 1989. [in:] A. J. Turska-Kawa & M. Haček (eds.), *Democratisation processes in Poland and Slovenia: Comparative Study* (s. 111–130). Institute for Local Self-Government and Public Procurement Maribor. <https://doi.org/10.4335/978-961-6842-73-0.8>

Turska-Kawa, A. J., & Haček, M. (2016). *Democratisation processes in Poland and Slovenia: Comparative Study*. Institute for Local Self-Government and Public Procurement Maribor. <https://doi.org/10.4335/978-961-6842-73-0>.

Turska-Kawa, A. J., & Olszanecka-Marmola, A. (2016). A Woman in Politics or Politics in a Woman? Perception of the female leaders of Polish political parties in the context of the 2015 parliamentary election. *Communication Today*, 7, 66–77.

Turska-Kawa, A. & Wojtasik, W. (2013). Communication Function of Election. *Communication Today*, 1, 36–47.

Turska-Kawa, A. (2013). Big Five Personality Traits Model in Electoral Behaviour Studies. *Romanian Journal of Political Sciences*. 13(02), 69–105.

Turska-Kawa, A. (2011). The (dis) alienating function of the media. The role of mass media in building a civil society. *Psychology of Language and Communication*, 15, 175–201.

Conferences – chosen examples:

Mass Polarization, Crumbling Institutional Trust and Democracy Eroding? Debunking Commonplace Crisis Narratives in Poland after 20 years in European Un (with Christian Welzel), American Political Science Association Annual Meeting & Exhibition, wrzesień 4-9, 2024, Philadelphia, USA.

Trustworthy Science and Trust in Science and Career crafting in Science. Looking for prospectful paths, EuroScience Open Forum, June 12-14, 2024 Katowice, Poland.

Crumbling Institutional Trust and Democracy Eroding? Debunking Commonplace Crisis Narratives (with Christian Welzel), European Consortium for Political Research, March 25-28, 2024 Lüneburg, Germany.

Polarizing Ideological Shifts as a Cause of Falling Institutional Trust? A Cross National/Longitudinal Public Opinion Study (with Christian Welzel), Southern Political Science Association annual conference, January 9-13, 2024 New Orleans, LU, USA

Between Sacrum and Profanum. Dimensions of motivations of Conspiracy Theorists, War and Democracy: Central European Democracies Under Pressure, Central European Political Science Association, 2023 Sept. 28-29, Dubrovnik, Croatia

Grey Voters' Electoral Inclusion Mechanisms. Poland's 30-year Experience of Democracy and Religiosity and Conspiracy Beliefs: The Study of Catholic Poland (with Natalia Galica), APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition "Rethinking, Restructure, and Reconnect: Towards a Post-Pandemic Political Science", American Political Science Association, Sept 15-18, 2022, Los Angeles California

Demographic changes as a challenge for the electoral market in Europe (keynote speech), 23rd International Scientific Conference *International Relations 2022: Current Issues in World Economy and Politics*, Dec. 2022 1-2, Smolenice, Slovakia

Psychological Factors of the Popularity of Conspiracy Theories, 26th American Political Science Annual Meeting & Exhibition *Rights and Responsibilities in an Age of Mis- and Disinformation*, 15-18 September 2022 Montreal, Canada

Psychological profiles of supporters of conspiracy theories, 26th Central European Political Science Association, 2-3 June 2022, Bled, Slovenia

Social and Political Factors of Deconsolidation of Democracy in Poland, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting&Exhibition *Promoting Populism*, Sept Aug – Sept 30 2021, Seattle, WA

The Importance of Religiosity in the Formation of Populist Attitudes, 26th IPSA World Congress of Political Science, 10-15 July 2021, online

Religious Determinants of Populism in Poland, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting&Exhibition *populism and Privilege* Aug 29 – Sept 1, 2019, Waszyngton, DC

Khalitova L., Myslik B., Turska-Kawa A., Tarasevich S. & Kioussis S. (2017). *The Rashomon Effect of an Air Crash: Examining the Narrative Battle over the Smolensk Disaster*. Paper presented at the 100th AEJMC Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, USA, August 9-12, 2017

Guest lectures:

- *Conspiracy theories – cures for fears? New patterns of thinking? Political tools?* 9-14.12.2024, Lignan University in Hong Kong, China
- Political potential of Conspiracy Theories, April 23-27, 2024; Ludovika University of Public Service, Hungary
- *Exploring the Conspiratorial Mind. A Few Comments from Psychological Research*, “Tuesday Seminars”, November 11, 2023 Leuphana University in Luneburg, Germany.
- *Teorie konspiracyjne. Nowy wymiar rozumienia rzeczywistości? [English: Conspiracy theories: A new dimension of the understanding of the reality]*, Inauguration of the academic year 2023/2024 of the University of the Third Age, October 23, 2023, Sosnowiec, Poland.
- *Political leadership in an era of disruption*, Euro-Atlantic Forum on Democracy and Security: Our Freedom and Yours, Sept. 10-11, 2023, Krakow, Poland
- *Who needs conspiracy theories? Post-pandemic reflection and research conclusions*, Inauguration of the academic year 2022/2023 of the Doctoral School, October 11, 2022, Katowice, Poland.
- *Prawo do przemocy? Prawne aspekty wojny [English: Right to violence? Legal aspects of war]*, Areopag Uniwersytetów, December 2022, Kraków, Poland.
- *Religious determinants of socio-political activity*, April 2019, Alexander Dupcek Universitet in Trencin, Czechia.
- *Psychologiczne aspekty przywództwa polityczne w Polsce. Ujęcie ewolucyjne [English: Psychological aspects of political leadership in Poland. Evolutionary approach]*, SWPS University, June 19, 2018, Warsaw, Poland.
- *Authoritarian Personality in context of electoral behaviors and political leadership*, June 2018, Universatitea Babes -Bolyai, Cluj, Romania.
- *Psychologiczne aspekty przywództwa polityczne w Polsce. Ujęcie ewolucyjne, [English: Psychological aspects of political leadership in Poland: An evolutionary perspective]* June 19, 2019 SWPS University in Warsaw, Poland.
- *Psychological determinants of electoral behaviors. Chosen issues*, March 2017, Masaryk University in Brno, Czechia.
- *Psychological determinants of political campaigns in Poland*, April 2016, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Academic teaching:**PhD Courses:**

Scientific research methods
Critical analysis of scientific papers
Methodology of scientific research

Bachelor courses:

Political behavior
Psychology of Politics
Statistics
Psychology of mass communication

MA courses:

Psychology of Politics
Psychology of Leadership
Political leadership
Civil society
Methodology of scientific research

Postgraduate diploma:

Psychology of Politics and Political Marketing
Psychology of media and communication
Stress Management
Assertiveness in manager's work