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Senior researcher at the Scholarly Communication Research Group of Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań. His interests cover political economy and transformations of higher education systems in Central Eastern Europe, as well as the issues of the public and the common in higher education.

Research interests

political ontology, political economy of higher education, Marxism, critical university studies, higher education research.

Language Skills

Polish (native); English (C2), Russian (C1), German (A2), Italian (A2)

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Education

- 2010** - MA in Philosophy, Adam Mickiewicz University (Poland)
2014 - PhD in Philosophy, Adam Mickiewicz University (Poland)
(Thesis: *University as the common. Philosophical foundations of the critical university studies*. Supervisor: prof. Marek Kwiek)
2025 - Habilitation in Philosophy

Posts held

- 2015** – present – senior researcher and assistant professor, Scholarly Communication Research Group and Faculty of Philosophy, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland.
2020 (February, March) – visiting researcher, Centre for Global Higher Education, The University of Oxford, Oxford, UK.
2019 (June) – visiting researcher, Centre for Higher Education Futures, Aarhus University, Aarhus, Denmark.
2018 (January-March) – visiting researcher, Centre for Global Higher Education, UCL Institute of Education, London, UK.
2010 – 2019 – researcher, Center for Public Policy Studies, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland (since 2016: also, Program coordinator).
2010–2013 – Marie Curie Early Stage Researcher in Research Institute of Education International, Brussels, Belgium.

PhD students supervised

- 2024-...** - Szymon Radomski, *Students and academic protests in peripheral academic capitalism in Poland (1990-2021)*.
2020-2024 - Franciszek Krawczyk, *Science without a centre? Resistance against the domination of the centre on academic peripheries*. (co-supervisor with prof. Emanuel Kulczycki).
2017-2021 - Jakub Krzeski, *A philosophical account of metrological conflict in the field of science evaluation* (co-supervisor with prof. Emanuel Kulczycki).

Research Projects (PI)

- 2024-2026** - *Research on the consequences of 'shock therapy' of 1990s for the contemporary conditions of development of science and higher education in Poland*. Funding: Ministry of Science and Higher Education (Poland). Budget: 50 000 EUR.
2023-2029 - *Origins and development of the peripheral academic capitalism in Poland (1990-2021)*. Funding: National Science Centre (Poland), Budget: 420 000 EUR.
2019-2020 - *Public good and the common good in the context of the functioning of the system of higher education and science in Poland. Comparative perspectives*. Funding: National Science Centre (Poland), Budget: 5000 EUR.

Books

- 2025** - Szadkowski, K., Krzeski, J., *A Marxist Critique of the Ruined University*. Dordrecht: Springer.
- 2023** - Szadkowski, K., *Capital in Higher Education: A Critique of the Political Economy of the Sector*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2015** - Szadkowski, K., *Uniwersytet jako dobro wspólne. Podstawy krytycznych badań nad szkolnictwem wyższym*. Warszawa: Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN.

Selected edited volumes

- 2023** - Hall, R. Accioly, I., & Szadkowski, K. *The Palgrave International Handbook of Marxism and Education*. Basingstoke: Palgrave MacMillan
- 2014** - Kozłowski, M., Kurant, A., Sowa, J., Szadkowski, K. & Szreder, K. *Joy forever: The political economy of social creativity*. London: MayFly Books.

Selected peer-reviewed articles

- 2025** - Szadkowski, K., For the society as a whole: higher education and the public good in Poland. *Higher Education* 89(1): 259-273.
- 2023** - Szadkowski, K., The public good and higher education in Poland. *Compare: A Journal of Comparative and International Education*. 53(6): 1061-1079.
- 2023** - Krawczyk, S., Szadkowski, K., Kulczycki, K., Identifying top researchers in highly metricized academia: two discursive strategies of senior officials in Poland. *Discourse: Studies in the Cultural Politics of Education* 44(2): 269-280.
- 2022** - Krzeski, J., Szadkowski, K., Kulczycki, E., Creating evaluative homogeneity: Experience of constructing a national journal ranking. *Research Evaluation* 31(1): 410-422.
- 2022** - Szadkowski, K., Krzeski, J., Conceptualizing capitalist transformations of universities: Marx's relevance for higher education research. *Critique* 50(1): 185-203.
- 2021** - Kulczycki, E., Kolasa, W. M., Szadkowski, K., Marx, Engels, Lenin, and Stalin as highly cited researchers? Historical bibliometrics study. *Scientometrics* 126(10): 8683-8700.
- 2019** - Szadkowski, K., The common in higher education: a conceptual approach. *Higher Education* 78(2): 241-255.
- 2019** - Szadkowski, K., Krzeski, J., In, against, and beyond: A Marxist critique for higher education in crisis. *Social Epistemology* 33(6): 463-476.
- 2019** - Szadkowski, K., An Autonomist Marxist Perspective on Productive and Unproductive Academic Labour. *TripleC* 17(1): 111-131.
- 2016** - Szadkowski, K., Towards an Orthodox Marxian Reading of Subsumption(s) of Academic Labour under Capital. *Workplace: A Journal for Academic Labor* 28, 9-29.

Editorial Boards Membership

- 2024- ...** - Co-editor of „Marxism and Education” Series at Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2024** - ... - Member of Review
- 2017- ...** - Editorial Board member of „Philosophy and Theory in Higher Education”. Published by Peter Lang and University of Alabama.
- 2010-2022** - Editor-in-Chief „Praktyka Teoretyczna”/„Theoretical Practice”. Published by Adam Mickiewicz University.