Krystian Szadkowski

The Head of 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

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

Posts held

2026 - present - associate professor, head of the Scholarly Communication Research Group of Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań
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.
2015 – **2025** – senior researcher and assistant professor, Scholarly Communication Research Group and Faculty of Philosophy, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland.
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

2025-… - Magdalena Radomska, *The discursive figures of students during the Polish transition (1989-2004).* (with prof. Agnieszka Kula).
2025-… - Elia Alberici, *Universality, race liberation, and higher education. A discussion between USSR and US* (with prof. Stefano Visentin).
2024-… - Szymon Radomski, *Students and academic protests in peripheral academic capitalism in Poland (1990-2021)* (with prof. Dominik Antonowicz).
2020-2024 - Franciszek Krawczyk, *Science without a centre? Resistance agains the domination of the centre on academic peripheries*. (with prof. Emanuel Kulczycki).
2017-2021 - Jakub Krzeski, *A philosophical account of metrological conflict in the field of science evaluation* (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.** T*he 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 Board of „Higher Education".
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.