

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 The study of the human past

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):

“The study of the human past” is currently the research area of four teams of IFiS PAN. These studies are focused on the post-war intellectual transformations that occurred in Poland and Central-Eastern Europe, and are reflected in the work of leading philosophers, historians of ideas and sociologists. A special field of research is the Holocaust and its aftermaths.

(i) Prof. Andrzej Gniazdowski is the leader of the research project „The Warsaw School of the History of Ideas and its Significance in the Humanities in Poland”, implemented since 2011 and supported by the National Programme for the Development of the Humanities. It explores the intellectual legacy of one of the most important currents in Polish philosophy and social thought after the second world war. The project’s purpose consists of systematic gathering of archive material related to the history of the School, represented by among others Leszek Kołakowski, Andrzej Walicki, Bronisław Baczko, Krzysztof Pomian and Jerzy Szacki, documentation and editing of their work, as well as of promotion of the results the research on the relevance of the School in its historical and political context.

(ii) Prof. Barbara Engelking is the head of The Polish Center for Holocaust Research, which in the last five years has coordinated three projects about various aspects of Jewish survival strategies and the mechanics of the Holocaust in German-occupied Poland. These projects were focused on: research on plunder of Jewish property during and immediately after the war, reconstruction of the fate of the Jews during the Holocaust in the rural areas of Poland and issue of a critical edition of hitherto unknown Holocaust testimonies. The interdisciplinary methodology of our research about little-known topics and using new, unknown archival sources is the key to production of results important not only for Holocaust studies in Poland, but also widely recognized worldwide as cutting-edge studies. Our Center also publishes a yearbook "Zagłada Żydów. Studia i Materiały" ("Holocaust. Studies and Materials"), an essential Holocaust-related publication.

(iii) Prof. Andrzej Leder, the leader of the Research Group on Philosophy of Culture devoted an important part of his research activity to the problems of past and memory. He focused in particular on the category of “trauma”, drawn from psychoanalysis, in order to provide a groundbreaking explanation of historical and sociological phenomena of post-war Poland.

(iv) The research team of Theoretical Sociology is headed by prof. Joanna Kurczewska who works on the project “National and Local Patriotisms of the Polish Politicians after 1989. Analysis of selected cases”. The project concentrates on the following themes: local, national and European dimensions of memory in narrations of various types of politicians (MPs and senators, local politicians, political party leaders) in the context of cultural memory, with particular attention to contexts, structures and peculiarities of the Polish case.

Moreover, the exploration of the personal documents of Zygmunt and Janina Bauman, deposited in The Special Collections Unit of the Library of the University of Leeds, is conducted by IFiS researchers. With a view to this task, cooperation is planned for 2018 between the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology PAS and the School of Sociology and Social Policy of the University of Leeds.

Main Publications:

Jerzy Szacki. 2012. *Kontrrewolucyjne paradoksy*, (Counterrevolutionary Paradoxes). Warsaw: IFiS PAN Publishers.

Tadeusz Kroński. 2014. *Faszyzm a tradycja europejska*. (Fascism and the European Tradition). Warsaw: IFiS PAN Publishers

- Szymon Wróbel. 2016. *Filozof i terytorium. Polityka idei w myśli Leszka Kołakowskiego, Bronisława Baczki, Krzysztofa Pomiana i Marka J. Siemka*, (The Philosopher and the Territory. The Politics of Ideas in the Thought of Leszek Kołakowski, Bronisław Baczko, Krzysztof Pomian and Marek J. Siemek.) Warsaw: IFiS PAN Publishers.
- Barbara Engelking, Jacek Leociak. 2013. *GETTO WARSZAWSKIE. Przewodnik po nieistniejącym mieście* (The Warsaw Ghetto. Guide to the Perished City), Warsaw: IFiS PAN Publishers (second, revived edition)
Holocaust Studies and Materials; vol.3; 2013 (in English).
- Mirka Piżyc, Kopel Piżyc. 2017. *Po wojnie, z Bożą pomocą, niebawem...* (After the war, with God's help, soon...), ed. Barbara Engelking & Havi Dreyfuss, Warszawa: IFiS PAN Publishers (co-edition with Yad Vashem).
- Andrzej Leder. 2014. *Prześniona Rewolucja. Ćwiczenie z logiki historycznej*. (Sleepwalking the Revolution. Exercise in the Historical Logic) Warsaw: Wydawnictwo Krytyki Politycznej (forthcoming in English and German translation).
- Dariusz Brzeziński. 2015. *Myślenie utopijne w teorii społecznej Zygmunta Bauman*, (Utopical thought in Zygmunt Bauman's social theory), Warsaw: Scholar.
- Joanna Kurczewska, Marta Karkowska (red.) 2016. *Przemiany kulturowe we współczesnej Polsce: ramy, właściwości, epizody*, (Cultural transformations in contemporary Poland: frames, properties, episodes). Warsaw: IFiS PAN Publishers and The Committee on Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

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: Warsaw School of the History of Ideas and its Significance in the Humanities in Poland

Name of PI: Andrzej Gniazdowski (IFiS PAN)

Source of funding: Ministry of Science and Higher Education, National Program for the Development of the Humanities

Amount of funding: 1 000 000 PLN

Year of funding: 2012

Abstract: The main scientific goal of the project is preparation of funds, documentation and editing of the academic achievements of the Warsaw School of the History of Ideas, as well as to popularize the results of the research on significance of the School in Polish humanities against the backdrop of the achievements of European scholars.

2. Title: Jewish Survival Strategies during occupation in the General Government, 1942-1945

Name of PI: Barbara Engelking (IFiS PAN)

Source of funding: Ministry of Science and Higher Education, National Programme for the Development of Humanities

Amount of funding: 500 000 PLN

Year of funding: 2014

Abstract: The main aim of the project was identification of Jews in hiding, and of people helping Jews during the time of the German occupation. Individual data are linked to an interactive map based on the ARC-GIS system, allowing visualization of the problem of survival strategies at village, community and county level.

3. Title: Social anthropology of the desolation: Poland and Ukraine after WWII

Name of PI: Anna Wylegała (IFiS PAN)

Source of funding: Ministry of Science and Higher Education, National Programme for the Development of Humanities

Amount of funding: 500 000 PLN

Year of funding: 2014

Abstract: The central concept of the project is the ‘social void’ a phenomenon characteristic for Central and Eastern Europe during and immediately after the second world war as a result of mass ethnic cleansing, socialist and soviet reshaping of the economy, displacement and migration. Focusing on the material dimension of post war social changes as well as on the subjective sphere of social practices and relations, the project aims to investigate the processes of rebuilding/substituting for the missing elements of social life in local societies in Ukraine and Poland.

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 the digital repository of scientific institutes (RCIN), along with the CEOOL and ERIC databases, and all the publications created both at IFiS and the Department of Philosophy 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 Centres 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 scholars in the social sciences and humanities 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 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 25000 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. The “[Graduate SPIRIT Project](#)” is funded by EU Erasmus+ program. The project is coordinated by the 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.

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 and forms of cultural opposition in the former socialist countries. The project Current Challenges in Contemporary Phenomenological Research of Subjectivity is being carried out in collaboration with the Institute of Philosophy, Slovak Academy of Sciences. The goal of the collaboration of the Slovak and Polish teams is to connect individual scholarly projects in the fields of phenomenology, political philosophy, history of philosophy and social theory. Another international project is EthAn: Ethos Analytics, carried out in cooperation with scholars from France Germany and Scotland. The main aim of the EthAn project is to understand the communicative structures of ethos related to a speaker's character. The Institute also participates in the large international project [E-Story Media and History From Cinema to the Web](#). IFiS PAN is 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 ASK: Research & Methods (co-published with the Ohio State University) and The Interlocutor. 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 methods workshops in both qualitative and quantitative methods.

