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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2013- Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland, Associate Professor
2011- 2013 University of Mannheim, Germany, Chair of Prof. Dr. Sabine Carey, Post-Doctoral Researcher
2010-2011 University of Konstanz, Germany, Chair of Prof. Dr. Gerald Schneider, Post-Doctoral Researcher

EDUCATION

- 2019 Habilitation in Political Science, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland
2010 Ph.D. in Political Science, The University of Alabama, USA, 8 March 2010 PhD dissertation defense
2008 MA in Political Science, The University of Alabama, USA
2002 MA, Department of Law and Public Administration, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs:

- Podgórska-Rykała, Joanna & Paulina Pospieszna. 2024. *Innowacje Deliberatywne: Inspiracje dla praktyków i teoretyków*. Wydawnictwo C.H.Beck.
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Publications in scientific journals and chapters in collective publications:

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Pospieszna, Paulina & Marta Hoffmann. 2026. "Institutionalizing Democratic Innovations in Poland: Mapping the Evolution of Citizens' Assemblies Through Rules of Procedure." *Politics and Governance* 14.
Pospieszna, Paulina & Tsveta Petrova. 2025. Poland and democracy promotion. In: *The Oxford Handbook of Polish Politics*. Katarzyna Grzybowska-Walecka, Simona Guerra and Fernando Casal Bértoa (eds.) Oxford: Oxford University Press.
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Pospieszna, Paulina & Félix Krawatzek. 2025. "Youth Activism in Poland: Perceptions of Protest and Civic Engagement." *East European Politics & Societies and Cultures* 39(3): 608-629
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Pospieszna, Paulina, Magni Szymaniak-Arnesen, Dániel Oross & Gabriella Kiss. 2025. "Diverse Roles and Perceptions of Public Officials and NGOs in Local Citizens' Assemblies – A Comparative Analysis of the Cases of Poland and Hungary." *Local Government Studies* 1–22.
Paulis, Emilien & Paulina Pospieszna. 2024. "Deliberative Mini-Publics as Learning Schools for Democracy? Examining Deliberation Impact on Dissatisfied and Radical Participants of a Citizens' Assembly in Poland." *Democratization* 1–24.
Pospieszna, Paulina & Patrice McMahon. 2024. "Forging Democracy in the Flames: Polish NGOs' Strategies during the Full-Scale War in Ukraine." *Communist and Post-communist Studies* 1–24. DOI: 10.1525/cpcs.2024.2122433

- Pospieszna, Paulina & Dorota Pietrzyk-Reeves. 2024. "Democratic innovations as a response to shrinking public space." In *Activism in Hard Times in Central and Eastern Europe*. McMahon, Patrice C., Paula M. Pickering, and Dorota Pietrzyk-Reeves (eds.) pp. 47-70. Routledge.
- Pospieszna, Paulina, Michał Onderco, Reinout van der Veer. 2023. "Comparing public attitudes towards internal and external EU sanctions: the role of populism, trust and Euroscepticism." *East European Politics* 40(2): 345-366.
- Pospieszna, Paulina, Daniel Płatek, Grzegorz Piotrowski, and Aleksandra Monkos. 2023. "Pillarized Networks in a Polarized Civil Society: A Structure of Far-Right Networks in Poland" *Nationalities Papers*, 1-16.
- Pospieszna, Paulina, Patrick Lown and Simone Dietrich. 2022. "Building active youth in post-Soviet countries through civic education programmes: evidence from Poland." *East European Politics* 39 (2): 321-344.
- Skrzypczyńska, Joanna & Paulina Pospieszna. 2022 "A Road Towards Greater Visibility of Research Output in International Peer-Review Journals: Lessons from Poland." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 55(3): 587-589.
- Pospieszna, Paulina & Kateřina Vrábliková. 2022. Cultural Liberal and Conservative Mobilizing Potential and Political Participation in Post-communist Countries. *East European Politics and Societies* 36(4): 1422-1448.
- Pospieszna, Paulina & Dorota Pietrzyk-Reeves. 2022. Responses of Polish NGOs Engaged in Democracy Promotion to Shrinking Civic Space. *Cambridge Review of International Affairs* 35 (4): 523-544.
- Petrova, Tsveta & Paulina Pospieszna. 2021. Democracy promotion in times of autocratization. The case of Poland, 1989-2019. *Post-Soviet Affairs* 37 (6): 526-543.
- Pospieszna, Paulina, and Agnieszka Vetulani-Cęgiel. 2021. Polish Interest Groups Facing Democratic Backsliding. *Interest Groups & Advocacy* 10 :158-180.
- Portela, Clara, Paulina Pospieszna, Joanna Skrzypczyńska, and Dawid Walentek. 2020. "Consensus against All Odds: Explaining the Persistence of EU Sanctions on Russia." *Journal of European Integration*.
- Pospieszna, Paulina, and Patrick Weber. 2020. "Amplifying and Nullifying the Impact of Democratic Sanctions through Aid to Civil Society." *International Interactions*.
- Pospieszna, Paulina, and Clara Portela. 2020. "Understanding EU Sanctioning Behavior." *Przegląd Zachodni* 1/2020.
- Pospieszna, Paulina, Joanna Skrzypczyńska, and Beata Stępień, B. 2020. Hitting Two Birds with One Stone: How Russian Countersanctions Intertwined Political and Economic Goals. *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 1-5.
- Pospieszna, Paulina, Aleksandra Galus. 2020. „Promoting Active Youth: Evidence from Polish NGO's Civic Education Program in Eastern Europe.” *Journal of International Relations & Development* 23 pp. 210-236.
- Pospieszna, Paulina, Aleksandra Galus. 2019. „Liberation Technology' or 'Net Delusion'? Civic Activists' Perceptions of Social Media as Opening Democratic Space Tool in Belarus and Ukraine.” *Europe-Asia Studies* 71 (10) 1664-1684.
- Pospieszna, Paulina. 2018. „Making Neighbourhood more Resilient through EU Democracy Promotion Efforts” [In:] *Security Beyond the State: The EU and the others*, Daniela Irrera and Claudia Morsut (red.) Barbara Budrich Publishers, s. 136-154, ISBN: 9783847420989.
- Pospieszna, Paulina. 2018. „Wspieranie demokracji przez polskie organizacje pozarządowe na Ukrainie: Aktywizacja społeczności lokalnej,” [Polish NGOs' support for democracy in Ukraine: Activation of the local community] [In:] *Aktywność polityczna i jej przejawy we współczesnych państwach*, Jakub Jakubowski, Beata Pająk-Patkowska (red.), Poznań, Wyd. Wydział Nauk Politycznych i Dziennikarstwa Uniwersytetu im. Adama Mickiewicza.
- Galus, Aleksandra, and Paulina Pospieszna. 2017. „Supporting new media in Ukraine through Polish Development Cooperation Program.” *Środkoeuropejskie Studia Polityczne* 2, pp. 169-199. DOI 10.14746/ssp.2017.2.9.
- Pospieszna, Paulina, and Patrick Weber. 2017. „Carrots or Sticks: The Choice and Impact of EU Democratic Sanctions and Aid. University of Gothenburg, *V-Dem Institute, V-Dem Users Working Paper Series* 2017:10.
- Da Costa, Karen, Paulina Pospieszna, 2017, "Can laws and policies foster disaster risk reduction? The case study of Brazil with particular focus on housing laws, policies and programmes.” [w:] *Planning for Community-based Disaster Resilience Worldwide: Learning from Case Studies in Six Continents*, Adenrele Awotona (red.) Ashgate Publishing Limited.
- Pospieszna, Paulina. Gerald Schneider, 2017, “Dispute or Mediator? The Selection and Effectiveness of Conflict Management in Civil Wars” *Przegląd Strategiczny* 10

- Pospieszna, Paulina. 2016. „Pomoc demokratyzacyjna polskich organizacji pozarządowych skierowana do Białorusi i Ukrainy: przesłanki oraz różne formy wsparcia” [“Democracy assistance of Polish NGOs in Belarus and Ukraine: premises and various forms of support”]. *Środkowoeuropejskie Studia Polityczne* 3, s. 235-266.
- Pospieszna, Paulina. 2016. „Współpraca rozwojowa w zakresie promowania dobrego rządzenia i rozwoju demokracji przez kraje Grupy Wyszehradzkiej” [„Development cooperation in the field of promoting good governance and democracy by the Visegrad Group countries”] [In:] *Tożsamość i Efektywność: w poszukiwaniu mechanizmów zrównoważonego rozwoju*, Katarzyna Jarecka-Stępień i Aleksander Surdej (red.). Adam Marszałek, Toruń, s.89-110.
- Stępień, Beata, Paulina Pospieszna, Joanna Skrzypczyńska, 2016, “Challenges in evaluating impact of sanctions – political vs economic perspective” *Przegląd Politologiczny* nr 4, s. 155-168, DOI : 10.14746/pp.2016.21.4.12.
- Pospieszna, Paulina. Karl DeRouen, 2016, “Mediation and Civil Wars Involving Terrorism” *Armed Forces and Terrorism* 43 (3), pp. 500 – 522.
- Pospieszna, Paulina. 2015. „Democracy Assistance and Women’s Political Empowerment.” *Democratization* 22 (7) pp. 1250-1272
- Borovecki, Anna, J. Einarsdóttir, D. O’Mathúna, P. Pospieszna, O.M. Stern, N.O. Teles, 2015. “20 years of the ICRC Code of Conduct for Disaster Relief: what do we need to improve?” *The Lancet* 385 (9976), s.1391.
- Pospieszna, Paulina. 2015, “Teaching Democracy and Active Citizenship through Citizenship Education: How do we know it works? [In:] *International Conference Booklet Development and Democracy: Thinking Ahead of Sustainable Development*. Bratislava: Pontis Foundation, ISBN 978-80-971310-4-3.
- Da Costa, Karen, Paulina Pospieszna, 2015, “The Relationship between Human Rights and Disaster Risk Reduction Revisited: Bringing the Legal Perspective into the Discussion” *Journal of International Humanitarian Legal Studies* 6 (1): 64-86.
- Pospieszna, Paulina. 2014, „Democracy Assistance Efforts of Young Donors from the Visegrad Group: In Search for Better Impact Evaluation Methods.” [In:] *International Conference Booklet Development and Democracy Ecosystems in V4: the Role for Civil Society Organizations and Business Beyond 2015*, s. 121-128. Bratislava: Pontis Foundation, ISBN 978-80-971310-3-6.
- Pospieszna, Paulina. Gerald Schneider, 2013, “The Illusion of ‘Peace through Power Sharing’: Constitutional Choice in the Shadow of Civil War” *Civil Wars* 15 (1) pp. 44-70.
- DeRouen, Karl, Shaun Goldfinch, Paulina Pospieszna, 2013, “Flying Blind? Evidence for good governance public management reform agendas, implementation and outcomes in low income countries” *Public Administration and Development* 33 (1), pp. 50–61.
- DeRouen, Karl, Jacob Bercovitch, Paulina Pospieszna, 2011, „Introducing the Civil Wars Mediation (CWM) Dataset. *Journal of Peace Research* 48 (5): 663-672.
- Pospieszna, Paulina. 2010, „When Recipients Become Donors: Polish Democracy Assistance in Belarus and Ukraine.” *Problems of Post-Communism* vol. 57 (4) pp. 3-15
- Pospieszna, Paulina. 2010, „New EU Member States Taking the Lead in Democracy Aid: The Polish Case” [w:] *The European Union’s Neighborhood Challenge. Transborder cooperation, migration and Europeanization*, Klaus Bachmann, Elżbieta Stadtmuller (red.), Wrocław: Wrocław University Press.

Book Reviews

- “Social Movements and the New State: The Fate of Pro-Democracy Organizations when Democracy Is Won” by Brian Grodsky, *Journal of Peace Research* 50 (2): 259-264, 2013.
- “Measuring Human Rights” by Todd Landman and Edzia Carvalho, *International Sociology* 28: 168-170, 2013.
- “Funding Civil Society: Foreign Assistance and NGO Development in Russia” by Lisa McIntosh Sundstrom, *Journal of International Relations and Development* 10: 451–454, 2007.

CONFERENCE PAPERS **(since 2019)**

- **American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting:** Philadelphia, USA 5-8 September 2024; Seattle, USA, September 30-October 3, 2021; San Francisco, USA, 31 August- 3 September, 2017.
- **Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) Annual Meeting:** Virtual Convention - December 1-3, 2021; the 52nd ASEEES Annual Convention, Washington, Nov. 5 - 8, 2020.
- **ASN Convention:** New York, US, 22-25 May 2025.
- **Council for European Studies:** Lyon, France, 3-5 July 2024.

- **European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR):** Thessaloniki, Greece, 26-29 August 2025; Dublin, Ireland, 12-15 August 2024; ECPR SGEU Lisbon, Portugal, 19-21 June 2024; Prague, Czech Republic, 2023; Innsbruck, Austria, 22-27 August 2022; Wrocław, Poland, 2019.
- **European International Studies Association (EISA) Pan-European Conference on International Relations:** Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland, 26-29 June 2019
- **European Sociological Association (ESA):** Virtual, June 2021.
- **European Union in International Affairs (EUIA):** Brussels, Belgium, 16-18 May 2018.
- **International Political Science Association (IPSA) World Congress of Political Science:** Seoul, South Korea, July 2025; Virtual, July 10-15, 2021
- **International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting:** Nashville, USA, March 2022; Virtual Platform, April 6th - 9th, 2021; Toronto, Canada, March 27th-30th, 2019.

...and other foreign and domestic conferences, talks and visits....

TALKS/ VISITS

- **University of São Paulo**, The Department of Political Science, The departmental lecture series, the Martius Chair for German and European Studies/German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Title: A New Generation of Democracy Promoters? CEE Approaches to Democracy Assistance' April, 2017.
- **University of Florida**, Center for European Studies, book talk at Lunchtime Symposium, April 2016.
- **Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute (HURI)**, book talk, April 2016.
- **Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE)** Budapest, visit within the international project entitled "AMU-transnational and interdisciplinary solutions of the 21st century" (UDA-POKL.04.01.01-00-109/13-00), July 2015.
- **The Sapienza University in Rome**, within the exchange program Erasmus Teaching Mobility program. Course: Democracy and Democratization, April 2015.

PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH PROJECTS

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| "ValEUs. Research & Education Network on Contestations to EU Foreign Policy," | Jean Monnet Policy Network (JMPN) | Member of the Polish team | 2024- |
| "Integrating Public Deliberation for Impact: Learning from the European Wave of Citizens' Assemblies" (i4i) | Weave Unisono--National Science Centre in Poland (NCN), 2023/05/Y/HS5/00027 | Principal investigator | 2024- |
| "Deliberative Innovations in Central and Eastern Europe – a panacea for democracy in crisis? (DelibDemCEE)" | SONATA BIS--National Science Centre in Poland (NCN), 2021/42/E/HS5/00155 | Principal investigator | 2022- |
| "Reconceptualising European Power in an Age of Turmoil (RENPET)" | The Erasmus+ Programme – Jean Monnet Activities | Member of the Polish team | 2022-2023 |
| "EU external actions in the contested global order – (In)coherence, (dis)continuity, resilience" | Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland | Co-investigator | 2018-2023 |
| „The condition of civil society in Central and Eastern Europe thirty years after the transformation in a comparative perspective” PI: Dorota Pietrzyk-Reeves | HARMONIA The National Science Centre in Poland 2018/30/M/HS5/00437 | Co-investigator | 2018-2023 |
| „An Evaluation of Democracy Assistance Projects of Young Donors in Democratizing Countries” | SONATA The National Science Centre in Poland (NCN)- 2013/09/D/HS5/04381 | Principal investigator | 2014-2018 |
| „Does Supranational Coercion Work? Onset, Impact and Effectiveness of EU Sanctions” | BEETHOVEN The National Science Centre in Poland (NCN)- 2014/15/G/HS5/04845 | Principal investigator | 2016-2019 |
| Varieties of Democracy Project | Varieties of Democracy, V-Dem Institute University of Gothenburg | Project coordinator | 2015 - |

AWARDS

- Professor Czeslaw Mojsiewicz Award for the best book in political science (September 2015)
- Excellence in Research Award, Adam Mickiewicz University of Poznan (2015)
- Fritz Thyssen Stiftung fellowship
- DAAD
- The University of Alabama Graduate Council Research/ Creative Activity Fellowship awarded for the 2008-2009 academic year.
- Research and Travel Grant from the Graduate Student Association Research and Travel Fund, to cover summer fieldwork expenses in Poland, May 2008.
- The Capstone International Center scholarship to cover summer fieldwork expenses in Poland, April 2008.
- The submission of research proposal to the National Science Foundation (NSF), SBE Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, January 15, 2008.
- Miles Scholarship, Tuscaloosa International Friends (TIF), January 2007.
- 2007 Prestige Cook Award, December 2006
- The Capstone International Center scholarship to cover participation in the CEEISA conference in Estonia, February 2006.
- Winner of VI edition of the students' summer internship contest in Poland organized by PricewaterhouseCoopers June 2001

PERSONAL DETAILS

Foreign languages: English (fluent), Russian (fluent), German (basic: DaF A2), Polish (native)

Married to Dr. habil. eng. Marcin Śmiglak

Two children: Maksymilian (2007) Aleksander (2010)