

# **JACEK KUCHARCZYK**

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **SUMMARY**

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Dr Jacek Kucharczyk is President of the Institute of Public Affairs, one of Poland's leading think tanks. He received PhD in sociology at the Polish Academy of Sciences. He studied English, Philosophy and Sociology in Warsaw, Canterbury and New York. In the 1980s he was active in independent student movement and clandestine publishing. Dr Kucharczyk has been a co-founder and board member of a number of international NGOs, including Prague Civil Society Center, OKO Foundation and European Partnership for Democracy. In 2016-2022 he served as the Chair and Member of the Advisory Board of the Scholarship Program at Open Society Foundations and in 2008-20015 he was Advisory Board member of OSF Think Tank Fund. He has authored and edited books, articles, reports and policy papers on democracy, good governance, populism, migrations, European integration and transatlantic cooperation. Dr Kucharczyk regularly contributes his comments and opinions on current domestic and international affairs and political developments to Polish and international media, including *Politico Europe*, *El Pais*, *Associated Press*, *CNN*, *Voice of America*, *National Public Radio*, *Polityka*, *Gazeta Wyborcza*, *Rzeczpospolita*, *TVN24*, *TVP INFO*, *PR24*, *TOK FM*, *TVP Global* and others.



### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

1997-present – President (2009-), Member of the Executive Board (2006-2009), Research Director (2000-2009), Analyst & Program Coordinator (1997-2000), Institute of Public Affairs, Warsaw

2012-present – external expert, V-DEM, Sweden

2009-2012 - Lecturer, Graduate School for Social Research, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw

2008-present - External Contributor, Oxford Analytica, Oxford

1993-1997 - English Language Coordinator and Lecturer, Graduate School for Social Research

1989-1993 – Interpreter/Facilitator working for J.P. Morgan, American Labor Department Team in Poland, Foundation for Education for Democracy and others

### **EDUCATION**

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1997 - PhD in Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences

1993-1997 – doctoral studies at Graduate School for Social Research, Polish Academy of Sciences  
1993-1994 - Pew Fellowship at the New School for Social Research, New York  
1993, 1994 & 1999 – Democracy and Diversity Institute (New School for Social Research) in Cracow, Poland & Cape Town, South Africa)  
1991 - MA in Philosophy - University of Kent at Canterbury, UK  
1990–1991 - ERASMUS scholarship at University of Kent at Canterbury, UK  
1987 - MA in English Studies, University of Warsaw, Poland  
1981-1990 – student at Department of Languages and Department of Philosophy and Sociology, University of Warsaw

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE/APPOINTMENTS/CONSULTANCY/IMPACT/ETC.**

2015-present – Co-Founder & member of the Board of Directors, Prague Civil Society Centre  
2019-present – Deputy Chair (since 2022) and Member of the Steering Committee of Civil Society Pillar, Community of Democracies  
2017-present - Board Member, OKO Foundation, Warsaw  
2016-2022 - Chair (since 2020) and member of the Advisory Board at Scholarship Programs, Open Society Foundations  
2019-2021 - Member of the Executive Board, Platform of Polish NGOs “Grupa Zagranica”  
2017-2019 - Member of the Steering Committee, Polish-British Civil Society Forum, Warsaw-London  
2014-2017 - Member of the Monitoring Committee of the Operational Program Knowledge Education Development (POWER) at the Polish Ministry of Development  
2011-2015 - Advisory Board Member, National School of Public Administration, Warsaw  
2008-2015 - Member of the Advisory Board, Think Tank Fund, Open Society Foundations  
2008-2015 - Member of the Board of Directors, European Partnership for Democracy, Brussels  
2004-2008 - Co-Founder, Board Member and Chair of the Board of Directors, Policy Association for an Open Society PASOS  
2005-2007 - Representative of Poland in the contact group for non-governmental organizations, World Bank - ECA NGO Working Group  
2004-2008 - Member of the editorial board, „European Political Science”  
2002-2005 - Member of the Council for Cooperation with Non-governmental Organizations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### Edited Volumes:

- *Democracy in Poland 2024. Assessment of the Implementation of the Commitments of the Reykjavik Declaration Adopted at the Fourth Summit of the Council of Europe in May 2023*, edited by Jan Barcz, Jacek Kucharczyk, Hanna Machińska & Mirosław Wyrzykowski, Institute of Public Affairs, Warsaw 2022.

- *National Integration Evaluation Mechanisms (NIEM) in 14 EU Member States. Project Summary 2016-2022*, edited by Anna Górska, Anna Dolińska & Jacek Kucharczyk, Institute of Public Affairs, Warsaw 2022.
- *Integration of refugee women and refugees in Poland. Almost equal rights, unequal opportunities*, Institute of Public Affairs, Warsaw 2022.
- *Phantom Menace. The Politics and Policies of Migration in Central Europe*, edited by Jacek Kucharczyk Grigorij Mesežnikov, Institute for Public Affairs IVO and Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung, Prague 2018.
- *Exit, voice or loyalty? Young people on Europe and democracy. Case studies from Austria, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia*, edited by Jacek Kucharczyk, Agnieszka Łada and Gabrielle Schöler, Institute of Public Affairs, Bertelsmann Stiftung, Warsaw and Berlin 2017.
- *Diverging Voices, Converging Policies: The Visegrad States' Reactions to the Russia-Ukraine Conflict*, edited by Jacek Kucharczyk Grigorij Mesežnikov, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung, Prague 2015.
- *Obywatele i wybory. Działania Forum Aktywny Obywatel (Citizens and elections. Active Citizen Forum)*, Institute of Public Affairs, Warsaw 2014.
- *Nic o nas bez nas. Partycypacja obywatelska Polaków w Wielkiej Brytanii (Nothing about us without us. Civic participation of Poles in Great Britain)* Warsaw: Institute of Public Affairs, Warsaw 2013.
- *Kto pilnuje strażników? Odpowiedzialne dziennikarstwo w demokratycznej Polsce (Who's Watching the Watchmen? Responsible Journalism in Democratic Poland)*, Institute of Public Affairs, Warsaw 2011.
- *Democracy in Poland 1989-2009. Challenges for the future*, Institute of Public Affairs, Warsaw 2010.
- *Towards a European Demos? Polish 2009 European Parliament Elections in Comparative Perspective*, edited by Jacek Kucharczyk & Agnieszka Łada, Institute of Public Affairs, Warsaw 2010.
- *Demokracja w Polsce 2007-2009 (Democracy in Poland 2007-2009)*, edited by Lena Kolarska-Bobińska, & Jacek Kucharczyk, Institute of Public Affairs, Warsaw 2009.
- *Democracy in Poland 2005-2007*, edited by Lena Kolarska-Bobińska, Jacek Kucharczyk & Jarosław Zbieranek, Institute of Public Affairs, Warsaw 2008
- *Democracy's New Champions. European democracy assistance after EU enlargement*, edited by Jacek Kucharczyk & Jeff Lovitt, PASOS, Prague 2008.
- *Aktywny obywatel, nowoczesny system wyborczy (Active Citizen, Modern Electoral System)*, edited by Lena Kolarska-Bobińska, Jacek Kucharczyk & Jarosław Zbieranek, Institute of Public Affairs, Warsaw 2005
- *Bridges Across the Atlantic? Attitudes of Poles, Czechs and Slovaks Towards the*

*United States*, edited by Lena Kolarska-Bobinska, Piotr Maciej Kaczyński & Jacek Kucharczyk, Institute of Public Affairs, Warsaw 2005.

- *Obywatele Europy. Integracja Europejska w polskim życiu publicznym (Citizens of Europe. European Integration in Polish public life)*, edited by Mateusz Falkowski: Institute of Public Affairs, Warsaw 2005.

Articles and book chapters:

- *How the Democrats Defeated The Populists in Power In Poland's 2023 Parliamentary Elections – Lessons For Europe*. In "What Can Liberals and Democrats Fight With? Finding a Winning Narrative in the High-stakes 2024 European Elections", edited by István Hegedűs and Erik Uszkiewicz, Hungarian Europe Society and Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom, Budapest 2025.
- *Democracy in War's Shadow. How Putin's assault on Ukraine impacts Poland's democratic backsliding*, Democracy Seminar 2022.
- *The future of Central Europe inside the European Union and globally*. In „Uncertain Times: The Future of Trans-Atlantic Relations from the Perspective of NGOs and Think Tanks in Central Europe and Hungary“, edited by István Hegedűs and Erik Uszkiewicz, Hungarian Europe Society and Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom, Budapest 2021.
- “Democracy in Poland? From Authoritarian Populism to Populist Authoritarianism”. Democracy Seminar, 2019.
- „Democracy and its discontents: European attitudes to representative democracy and its alternatives”. In *Deliberative Democracy in the EU. Countering Populism with Participation and Debate*, edited by Steven Blockmans Sophia Russack, London: Rowman & Littlefield International, 2019 (with Filip Pazderski).
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- “Politics, Ideology and Voter Apathy – Direct Democracy in Poland”. In *Direct Democracy in the EU: The Myth of a Citizens' Union*, edited by Steven Blockmans and Sophia Russack, London: Rowman & Littlefield International, 2019.
- “From politics of fear to securitisation policies? Poland in the face of migration crisis.” In *Phantom Menace The Politics and Policies of Migration in Central Europe*, edited by Jacek Kucharczyk and Grigorij Mesežnikov, IVO Institute for Public Affairs and Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung, Prague 2018 (with Joanna Fomina).
- “Our Trouble with Europe”. In *Crossing Points: UK-Poland. Essays*, edited by Roy Bacon, The British Council, London 2018.
- „Exploiting political polarization in Poland”. In *Sharp Power: Rising Authoritarian Influence*, edited by Christopher Walker and Jessica Ludwig, National Endowment for Democracy, Washington 2016.

- “Populism and Protest in Poland,” *Journal of Democracy*, 2016 (27/ 4) (with Joanna Fomina).
- “The long shadow of the Kremlin: Polish domestic reactions to the Russian-Ukrainian conflict.” In *Diverging Voices, Converging Policies: The Visegrad States’ Reactions to the Russia-Ukraine Conflict*, edited by Jacek Kucharczyk and Grigorij Mesežnikov, Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung, Prague 2015 (with Aleksander Fuksiewicz).
- “The Concept of Equality in Poland – Unwanted Relic of Communism or Opportunity for a United Europe?” In *Freedom, Equality, Solidarity. Thoughts on Europe’s Future – from Germany, France and Poland*, edited by Joachim Fritz-Vannahme & Armando Garcia Schmidt, Verlag Bertelsmann Stiftung, Gütersloh 2014 (with Aleksandra Niżyńska).
- “Poland’s Foreign policy after the 2010 Presidential Elections”. In *Visegrad Elections 2010: Domestic Impact and European Consequences*, edited by Oga Gyárfásova & Grigorij Mesežnikov, Institute for Public Affairs IVO, Bratislava 2011 (with Agnieszka Łada).
- “Poland after 2005 elections: Domestic Discontent or EU Backlash?” In *Democracy and Populism in Central Europe: The Visegrad Elections and Their Aftermath*, edited by Martin Butora et al., Institute for Public Affairs IVO, Bratislava 2007 (with Joanna Fomina).
- “Poland”. In *Transatlantic Relations 2009. European Expectations for the Post-Bush Era*, edited by Jan Techau & Alexander Skiba, European Policy Institutes Network, EPIN, Brussels 2008
- “Case Study: Poland”. In *Populist Politics and Liberal Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe*, edited by Grigorij Mesežnikov, Olga Gyárfasova & Daniel Smilov, Institute for Public Affairs IVO, Bratislava 2008 (with Olga Wysocka).
- “Assisting Democratic Transition in Belarus: Lessons from pre-1989 Poland”. In *Prospects for Democracy in Belarus*, edited by Joerg Forbring, David Marples & Pavol Demes, German Marshall Fund, Bratislava 2006.
- “Poland-EU relations in the eyes of Polish society”. In *Difficult dialogue. Polish-German community of interests in integrated Europe*, edited by Krzysztof Malinowski & Markus Milderberger, Poznań 2001.
- “Class-Club Europe. The Examination of Socio-Political conditions for a Eurosceptic backlash in Poland”, in: *Proceedings of the Annual Conference of Political Studies Association*, Manchester 2001.
- “Polens Weg nach Europa in den Augen der polnischen Öffentlichkeit”. In *Transit 20*, IWM, Vienna 2000.

#### Policy papers and research reports:

- *Transatlantic Cooperation in the Context of Russian Aggression Against Ukraine. Polish and German Opinions - Research Report* (co-author), Institute of Public Affairs and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, 2023.

- *Poles and Germans - How distant and how close? Polish-German Barometer 2022* (co-author), Institute of Public Affairs and Deutsches Polen-Institut, 2022.
- *Polish society may accept a large Ukrainian influx*, Oxford Analytica Daily Brief, 2021.
- *Closeness to current government may hurt Polish church*, Oxford Analytica Daily Brief, 2021.
- *A neighbourhood with history in the background: a look across the borders. Polish-German Barometer 2020*, (co-author), Institute of Public Affairs and Deutsches Polen-Institut, 2020.
- *Beyond Populism. Tribalism in Poland and Hungary*, (co-author), Political Capital, 2018.
- *Nothing to Fear but Fear Itself?* (co-editor and co-author), Demos, 2017.
- *New Pact for Europe. National Report – Poland*, European Policy Center, 2017.
- *Frayed Partnership. German Public opinion on Russia* (co-author), Institute of Public Affairs, 2016.
- *Ukrainians look to the West* (co-author), Institute of Public Affairs, 2015.
- *Close together or far apart? Poles, Germans and Russians on the Russia-Ukraine crisis* (co-author), Institute of Public Affairs, 2015.
- *Poland - Ukraine, Polish-Ukrainians. A look across the border* (co-author), Institute of Public Affairs, 2013
- *European Parliament. Social Trust and Ignorance* (co-author), Institute of Public Affairs, 2013.
- *Relacje Państwo–Kościół w III RP (Relations between the Church and State in Poland)*, (editor and co-author), Institute of Public Affairs, 2013.
- *Politics and everyday life. The German perspective on Poland and Russia* (co-author), Institute of Public Affairs, 2013.
- *European Endowment for Democracy - the success of the Polish Presidency?* (co-author), Institute of Public Affairs, 2012.
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- *Not only foreign policy. Polish Members of the Seventh European Parliament. Midterm* (co-author), Institute of Public Affairs, 2011.
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- *Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum & how to improve it*, Institute of Public Affairs, 2011.
- *European Partnership for Volunteering – an opportunity for the Polish EU-Council Presidency?* (co-author), Institute of Public Affairs, 2011.
- *Strengthening EU Democracy Support as a Task for the Polish Presidency – lessons learnt and challenges ahead* (co-author), Institute of Public Affairs, 2011.
- *A new beginning? Democracy support in EU external relations under the Lisbon Treaty* (co-author), PASOS, 2010.
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- *Partners in Eastern Promise: A chance for Polish-Czech co-operation*, PASOS/IPA, 2009.
- *Learning from the experience of West-European think tanks: a study in think tank management* (co-author), Institute of Public Affairs, 2007.
- *Monitoring finansowania wyborów prezydenckich w Polsce (Monitoring the Financing of Polish Presidential Elections)* (co-author), IPA & Stefan Batory Foundation, 2006.
- *The Future of The EU Constitutional Treaty – Strategy for Poland*, Polish Institute for International Affairs PISM and Institute of Public Affairs, 2006.
- *Uczciwe Państwo. Propozycje do nowej Strategii Antykorupcyjnej (State of Integrity. Recommendations for a new Anti-Corruption Strategy)* (co-author), Institute of Public Affairs, 2005.
- *Polish Catholic Clergy and EU integration*, Institute of Public Affairs, 2003.
- *Valuation Study on Strategy for Information and Awareness-raising Campaigns about European Integration in Poland* (co-author), Institute of Public Affairs, 2001.
- *2002 Parliamentary Elections and Poland's integration with the EU* (co-author), Institute of Public Affairs, 2001.
- *The Abduction of Europe. European Integration in Polish Political Debates 1997 – 1998*, Institute of Public Affairs, 1999.