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Profile

I am a sociologist and associate professor at the Department of Sociology of Organization and Management, Faculty of Economics and Sociology, University of Lodz, Poland.

I specialize in issues related to the sociology of disability, qualitative sociology and computer analysis of qualitative data. I conduct research on the activation of people with disabilities, including the socio-cultural, structural, political, legal and economic situation of this category of people and their families. I also research entities and institutions supporting people with disabilities.

As of late, I have been embracing three research areas as part of my pursuits in disability studies:

- the situation of families of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- the issues of self-determination and independence in the lives of people with intellectual disabilities
- the implementation of accessibility policies in various dimensions of social life designed for people with disabilities

My scientific publications are devoted to disability, social assistance, and qualitative research methodology.

I have participated in several grants and research projects (as a manager, contractor and expert). I am currently implementing the NCN (National Science Centre) OPUS 26 project entitled 'Processuality of constructing the identity in persons with mild and moderate intellectual disability in the context of family life. Analysis of the phenomenon from the perspective of late adolescence and early adulthood'.

I am the editor of the Qualitative Sociology Review (Przegląd Socjologii Jakościowej), the chairman of the Section of Disability Sociology of the Polish Sociological Association and leader of the CAQDAS Consortium. I also actively participate in the activities of the Center for Disability and Accessibility Studies at the University of Lodz.

I cooperate with researchers representing various disciplines and academic centres in Poland and abroad, as well as representatives of public entities and non-governmental organizations. I have received several awards, distinctions and scholarships for my scientific and research activities.

My main research interests are disability studies, qualitative sociology, grounded theory methodology, symbolic interactionism, the use of new technologies and computer-aided analysis of qualitative data.

Information on education, academic degrees/titles and employment

Employed at Lodz University since: 2005.10.01, Institute of Sociology, Faculty of Economics and Sociology, Department: Sociology of Organization and Management

- Position at Lodz University: Associate Professor
- Academic field: social sciences
- Academic discipline: sociology
- Specializations: Methodology of qualitative research, sociology of organization and management, sociology of interactions, sociology of disability

Date of obtaining Academic Degree:

- 2005, Lodz University, Faculty of Economics and Sociology, M.A. in Sociology
- 2005, Lodz University, Faculty of Law and Administration, M.A. in Administration
- 2012, Lodz University, Faculty of Economics and Sociology, Ph.D. Human Science

- 2018, Lodz University, Faculty of Economics and Sociology, Habilitation in Sociology

Lectures and presentations (participation in selected conferences)

- 25.06-1.07.2023 - "The impact of individuals with profound intellectual and multiple disabilities on peer relationships of non-disabled siblings", XX ISA World Congress of Sociology, University of Melbourne.
- 7-10.06.2023 - "Working on the identity of parents of children with intellectual disabilities in the context of managing disability stigma", 9th Ethnography and Qualitative Research International Conference, University of Trento, Trento.
- 25-27.01.2023 - "NVivo as a tool for supporting teamwork in the context of qualitative research conducted remotely - opportunities, limitations, and practical tips", 7th World Conference on Qualitative Research (Virtual Conference)
- 26-28.01.2022 - "Social Network Analysis and Its Applicability By Means of NVivo Software", 6rd World Conference on Qualitative Research (Virtual Conference)
- 26-28.01.2022 - "Social Network Analysis and Its Applicability By Means of NVivo Software", 6rd World Conference on Qualitative Research (Virtual Conference)
- 21-23.06.2021 - "Difficult Research Topics on the Example of Research on Women Experiencing Stigma", Qualitative Analysis Conference, Brescia University College, Canada.
- 9-12.06.2021 - "Role of a Researcher's Gender in Difficult Research Topics: Challenges and Dilemmas based on the Example of Research on Women Experiencing Stigma", 8th Ethnography and Qualitative Research Conference, Università di Trento, Giugno, Italy.
- 14-15.09.2017 - "Diversity and inequalities versus integration and unification as categories existing in sport of disabled individuals", Getting to Know Diversity: Ethnographie und ihre Grenzen, Universität Tübingen, Tübingen
- 13-14.07.2017 - "Ethical aspects of dissemination and archiving qualitative data in Poland". International Conference on Qualitative Research, Universidade de Salamanca, Spain
- 1-2.07.2017 - "Sport as a tool of self-acceptance and social integration of disabled people in Poland", International Conference on Social Identity and Sport, European Association of Social Psychology, Leuven, Belgium
- 10-13.06.2015 - "Sport as a source of transformations in the life of a person with an acquired physical disability – an analysis of the process of reconstructing identity after the experience of permanent injury", 12th European Association for Sociology of Sport Conference, European Association for Sociology of Sport, Dublin
- 15-17.09.2014 - "Sport as a tool of self-acceptance and social integration of disabled people. Legal and institutional solutions in Poland" - Disability Sport: Changing lives, changing perceptions? At the TechnoCentre, Coventry University, UK

- 25-27.06.2014 – “Ethical, methodological and practical dilemmas in qualitative research – the boundaries of research on "sensitive" topics” Qualitative Analysis Conference, Brescia University College, Canada

Prizes and awards

- 2024 – 1st degree of Rector's Individual Award of University of Lodz
- 2016 and 2018- 2nd degree of Rector's Individual Award of University of Lodz
- 2015 - 2nd degree of Rector's Collective Award of University of Lodz
- 2014 - Prize of St. Ossowski awarded by the Polish Sociological Association
- 2013 - The main prize for the best doctoral dissertation awarded by the State Fund for the Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons
- 2012 - 3th prize in contest for the best doctoral dissertation awarded by the Institute of Labour and Social Studies

Scholarships

- Scholarship for outstanding young scientists awarded by the Minister of Science and Higher Education (no. 890/STYP/11/2016)

Other significant achievements

Participation in international research projects:

- 2024-2025 – “Structures of uncertainty’- inclusive education in Central and Eastern European countries“ The project is co-financed by the governments of Czechia, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia through Visegrad Grants from the International Visegrad Fund. The mission of the fund is to advance ideas for sustainable regional cooperation in Central Europe.
- 2020-2022 - “Policies for independent living in Poland and Norway on the example of the policy of professional activation and employment of disabled students and university graduates”, Bilateral Cooperation Fund, the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021
- 2018-2020 – “Communication role on perception and beliefs of EU Citizens about Science CONCISE”, European Union’s Horizon 2020, H2020-SwafS-2018-2020

Other research projects (participation as a project leader):

- Title: Processuality of constructing the identity in persons with mild and moderate intellectual disability in the context of family life. Analysis of the phenomenon from the perspective of late adolescence and early adulthood
 Registration number: 2023/51/B/HS6/00024
 Funding source (s): NCN (National Science Centre)
 Implementing entity: University of Lodz, Poland
 Implementation start date: 2024-10-01, Completion date: 2027-09-30
- Title: Identities of people with intellectual disabilities - analysis of the phenomenon in the context of family life.
 Registration number: B2211200000175.01
 Funding source (s): Ministry of Science and Higher Education (Faculty of Economics and Sociology)
 Implementing entity: University of Lodz, Poland
 Implementation start date: 2022-01-01, Completion date: 2023-12-31
- Title: Physical activity as a source of change in the lives of people with permanent dysfunction of the body - analysis of the process of reconstruction identity
 Registration number: 2015/17/D/HS6/00184
 Funding source (s): NCN (National Science Centre)
 Implementing entity: University of Lodz, Poland
 Implementation start date: 2016-01-25, Completion date: 2018-01-24
- Title: Characteristics of psychosocial mechanisms (auto) identification of physically challenged athletes
 Registration number: B1611200001264.02
 Source (s) of funding: Ministry of Science and Higher Education (Faculty of Economics and Sociology)
 Implementing entity: University of Lodz, Poland
 Implementation start date: 2016-01-01, Completion date: 2016-12-31
- Title: The role of sport practiced by physically disabled people in the process of (re) construction of identity - symbolic-interactionist analysis
 Registration number: B1511200000856.02
 Funding source (s): Ministry of Science and Higher Education (Faculty of Economics and Sociology)
 Implementing entity: University of Lodz, Poland
 Implementation start date: 2015-01-01, Completion date: 2015-12-31

Other forms of experience:

- 2021 - co-organizer and co-host of the session, ESA RN 16 MEDIUM-TERM CONFERENCE "Health and health in Europe: between inequalities and new opportunities", Krakow

- 2019 - 2022 - member of the Scientific Council of the 4rd/5th/6th World Conference on Quality Research
- 2020 - co-organizer of the National Conference "Virtualization of everyday life of people with disabilities in the epidemic era", AGH, Kraków
- 2019 - co-organizer and co-leader of the thematic group during the Sociological Congress, PTS, UW
- 2018 - co-organizer of the Section of Sociology of Disability at the Polish Sociological Association
- 2017 - 2021 - co-host of workshops at the Summer School of Data Analysis and Methods of Quality Research, Jagiellonian University
- 2017 - co-organizer and member of the organizing committee of the scientific conference "Politics and politics of sport", University of Łódź
- 2017 - co-organizer and member of the organizing committee of the 8th European Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction (EU SSSI) Studying Everyday Life: Generic Dimensions of Interactionist Inquiry, University of Łódź
- 2016 - co-organizer and coordinator of the Scientific Consortium of Computer Quality Data Analysis in cooperation with the Jagiellonian University and the University of Gdańsk
- 2016 - co-organizer and co-leader of the thematic group (XVI National Sociological Congress)

Reviewer in journals (including):

Disability and Rehabilitation, Journal of Intellectual Disabilities, The Qualitative Report, BMC Public Health, International Journal of Cultural Policy, BMC Women's Health, Polish Sociological Review, Forum: Qualitative Sozialforschung / Forum: Qualitative Social Research, Qualitative Sociology Review, New Trends in Qualitative Research (NTQR).

Editorial reviewer (including):

Palgrave Macmillan, Sage, Elsevier, Springer.