

Curriculum Vitae

Wojciech Rafałowski

Personal Information

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Education

February 10th, 2023 **Habilitation in Sociology**, University of Warsaw
Topic: “Social and contextual conditions of political parties’ strategies regarding the content they communicate to the electorate”

June 24th, 2014: **Ph.D. in Sociology** at the Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw.
Thesis: “Party System Fragmentation and Polarization in Post-communist Countries”, supervised by prof. Jacek Raciborski.

June 15th, 2010: M. A. (with Distinction) in Sociology, Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw. Average 5-year grade: 4.93 (scale 2-5).
Thesis: “Electoral System as a Factor Determining a Party System in Post-communist Countries”, supervised by prof. Jacek Raciborski.

Professional Positions Held

Since October 2024: **Vice Dean for Research of the Faculty Sociology, University of Warsaw**

Since October 2024: **Associate Professor**, Faculty of Sociology, University of Warsaw.

Sept 2019 – Jan 2020: **Fulbright Visiting Scholar** at the Washington University in St. Louis.

2015-2024: **Assistant Professor**, Faculty of Sociology (Institute of Sociology until 2020), University of Warsaw.

2010-2014: **Research Assistant in the ERC Starting Grant** “Public Goods through Private Eyes. Exploring Citizens’ Attitudes to Public Goods and the State in Central Eastern Europe”, Faculty of Philosophy and Sociology, University of Warsaw.

Publications

a. Books

- Rafałowski, Wojciech. 2023. “Kampanie parlamentarne w Polsce. Analiza programów i apeli wyborczych w perspektywie paradygmatu ekspozycji treści” [„Parliamentary

campaigns in Poland: An Analysis of Manifestoes and Appeals Employing the Issue Emphasis Perspective”]. Warszawa: Wydawnictwo Naukowe Scholar.

- Rafałowski, Wojciech. 2017 “Opisywanie i wyjaśnianie systemu partyjnego. Metody pomiaru” [Describing and Explaining a Party System. Methods of Measurement], Warszawa: Oficyna Wydawnicza ASPRA-JR.
- b. Edited volumes
- Rafałowski, W., Sadura, P. (ed.) 2025. Państwo – demokracja – obywatelstwo – wybory. Księga dedykowana Profesorowi Jackowi Raciborskiemu. [State – Democracy – Citizenship – Elections. A book dedicated to Professor Jacek Raciborski.] Warszawa: Wydawnictwa Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego
- c. Articles published in peer-reviewed journals
- Rafałowski, W. 2023. Przesłanki strategiczne prowadzenia w Polsce kampanii wyborczych opartych na odwołaniach do kompetencji i uczciwości. [„Strategic premises for campaigning based on competence and integrity in Poland”] *Athenaeum. Polskie Studia Politologiczne*, 77, 225-245.
 - Rafałowski, Wojciech. 2023. Proposing Anti-LGBTQIAP Resolutions at the Municipal Level in Poland: Meeting the Social Demand or Making Use of the Available Resources?. *East European Politics and Societies*, 37(2), 627-655.
 - Rafałowski, Wojciech. 2022. “Natężenie kampanii negatywnych w Polsce w latach 2007–2019,” [“The Intensity of negative campaigning in Poland 2007-2019”] *Studia Polityczne* 50(3).
 - Rafałowski, Wojciech. 2022. “Reaching to the Uninterested by Referring to Valence Traits During Electoral Campaigns” *Athenaeum. Polish Political Science Studies* 75(3)/2022.
 - Rafałowski, Wojciech. 2022. “Koncepcja issue ownership i jej (nie)obecność w polskim piśmiennictwie dotyczącym kampanii wyborczych” [“The concept of issue ownership and its presence in Polish literature on electoral campaigns”] *Studia Socjologiczno-Polityczne. Seria Nowa* 1(16)/2022.
 - Rafałowski, Wojciech. 2021. “Campaigning on the Ability to Govern: A Study of Strategic References to Competence Made by Political Parties in Europe” *Government and Opposition*, 1-23. doi:10.1017/gov.2021.38.
 - Rafałowski, Wojciech. 2020. “Parties’ Issue Emphasis Strategies on Facebook” *East European Politics & Societies and Cultures* 34(1): 96–123.
 - Rafałowski, Wojciech. 2018 “Values versus Interests Dynamics of Parliamentary Campaigns” *Political Preferences* 19: 31-51.
 - Raciborski, Jacek and Wojciech Rafałowski. 2018 “State Identity in Europe Today: Some Determinants” *Zarządzanie Publiczne* 2(44).
 - Rafałowski, Wojciech. 2016 “The Quality of Government and National Identification” *Polish Sociological Review* 4(196).
 - Rafałowski, Wojciech. 2016 “Polaryzacja systemów partyjnych w krajach pokomunistycznych” [Party System Polarization in Post-Communist Countries] *Studia Polityczne* 1(41).
 - Rafałowski, Wojciech. 2015 “Pozycja prezydenta w systemach politycznych krajów pokomunistycznych a fragmentacja systemu partyjnego” [The Role of a President in Political Systems of Post-communist Countries and Party System Fragmentation]. *Studia Socjologiczne* 4.
 - Rafałowski, Wojciech. 2015 “Kryzys gospodarczy a fragmentacja europejskich systemów partyjnych” [Economic Crisis and Fragmentation of European Party Systems]. *Studia Socjologiczno-Polityczne* 1(03).
 - Rafałowski, Wojciech. 2015 “Instytucjonalizacja systemów partyjnych a konsekwencje ordynacji wyborczych. Analiza porównawcza na materiale z krajów

- pokomunistycznych” [Party System Institutionalization and Consequences of Electoral Laws. Comparative Analysis in Post-communist Countries]. *Studia Polityczne* 1(37).
- Rafałowski, Wojciech. 2013 “Politologiczne i socjologiczne teorie fragmentacji systemów partyjnych: od izolacji do interakcji” [Theories of Party System Fragmentation in Political Science and Sociology: From Isolation to Interaction]. *Studia Socjologiczne* 3 (210).
 - Rafałowski, Wojciech. 2010 “Wpływ systemu wyborczego na system partyjny w krajach pokomunistycznych” [Effect of Electoral System on Party System in Post-Communist Countries], *Decyzje* 14.
 - Rafałowski, Wojciech. 2010 “Klasyfikacje systemów wyborczych państw pokomunistycznych: porównanie mocy analitycznej i predykcyjnej” [Classifying Electoral Systems in Post-Communist Countries: A Comparison of Analytical and Predictive Power], *Studia Wyborcze* X.
- d. Book chapters and other publications
- Rafałowski, Wojciech. (2025). Teoretyczne i metodologiczne wyzwania stojące przed badaczami elit politycznych w latach 20. XXI wieku. [Theoretical and Methodological Challenges for Elite Researchers in the 2020s] W: Rafałowski, W., Sadura, P. 2025. Państwo – demokracja – obywatelstwo – wybory. Księga dedykowana Profesorowi Jackowi Raciborskiemu. Warszawa: Wydawnictwa Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego
 - Rafałowski, Wojciech, Gendźwiłł, Adam. (2025). „Polskie wybory” 30 lat później. O stabilności i zmianie wzorów zachowań wyborczych Polaków z perspektywy lat 20. XXI wieku. [“Polish Elections” 30 Years Later: On the Stability and Changing Patterns of Poles' Voting Behavior from the Perspective of the 2020s.] W: Rafałowski, W., Sadura, P. 2025. Państwo – demokracja – obywatelstwo – wybory. Księga dedykowana Profesorowi Jackowi Raciborskiemu. Warszawa: Wydawnictwa Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego
 - Rafałowski, Wojciech. (2024). Kondycja polskiej demokracji w świetle sondaży eksperckich: Obraz przeszłości zapisany w danych Varieties of Democracy. [The condition of Polish democracy in the light of expert polls: The image of the past recorded in the Varieties of Democracy data] W: Raciborski i J., Sadura, P., O mocy i niemocy państwa polskiego. Kraków: Wydawnictwo Universitas. (w druku)
 - Rafałowski, Wojciech. (2024). Sytuacja życiowa i postawy piętnastolatków. [Life situation and attitudes of fifteen-year-olds] W: Kaźmierczak, J. i Bulkowski, K., Polscy piętnastolatkowie w perspektywie międzynarodowej. Wyniki badania PISA 2022 [Polish 15-year-olds in an international perspective. Results of the PISA 2022 study], Warszawa: Instytut Badań Edukacyjnych, s. 149-183. (w druku)
 - Bulkowski, Krzysztof, Rafałowski, Wojciech. (2023). Środowisko domowe uczniów. [Students' home environment] W: Kaźmierczak, J. i Bulkowski, K., Przeczytać i zrozumieć. Wyniki międzynarodowego badania osiągnięć czwartoklasistów w czytaniu [Read and Understand: Results of an International Study of Fourth Graders' Reading Achievement], Warszawa: Instytut Badań Edukacyjnych, s. 99-119
 - Rafałowski, Wojciech. (2021). Book review: “Czy telewizyjna reklama polityczna może zmienić wizerunek kandydata?”. *Studia Polityczne*, 49(3), 169-172.
 - Rafałowski, Wojciech. (2020). Book review: “Demokracja poza centrum. Recenzja studium wyborów lokalnych. Adam Gendźwiłł, „Wybory lokalne w Polsce. Uczestnictwo, konkurencja i reprezentacja polityczna w demokracjach mniejszej skali”. *Stan Rzeczy*, (1 (18)), 263-267.
 - Rafałowski, Wojciech. (2018). Book review “Recenzja książki Marty Żerkowskiej-Balas: Czy głosowanie jest racjonalną decyzją? Analiza partycypacji wyborczej w Polsce na tle wybranych demokracji europejskich.” *Studia Socjologiczno-Polityczne. Seria Nowa*, 8(1), 149-153.

- Rafałowski, W. (2018). Book review: “Recenzja książki Eriki Franklin Fowler, Michaela M. Franza, Trivisa N. Ridout: Political Advertising in the United States.” *Studia Socjologiczno-Polityczne. Seria Nowa*, 8(1), 155-157.
- Rafałowski, Wojciech. 2017 “Book review: “Christopher Steed, A Question of Worth: Economy, Society and the Quantification of Human Value, London, New York: I.B.Tauris 2016.” *Studia Socjologiczno-Polityczne. Seria Nowa* 2(07): 143–146.
- Rafałowski, Wojciech. 2017 “Efekty rządzenia a identyfikacja z państwem” [Effects of Governance and State Identification], in: Jacek Raciborski (ed.), *Państwo w praktyce: style działania* [The State in Practice: Styles of Action], NOMOS.
- Rafałowski, Wojciech and Przemysław Sadura. 2012 “Polityka i władza” [Politics and Power], in: *Współczesne społeczeństwo polskie* [Contemporary Polish Society], Anna Giza and Małgorzata Sikorska (eds.), Warszawa: Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN.
- Rafałowski, Wojciech. 2012 “Fragmentacja poradzieckich systemów partyjnych w perspektywie neoinstytucjonalnej” [Post-soviet Party System Fragmentation in New-Institutionalist Perspective], in: *20 lat rzeczywistości poradzieckiej. Spojrzenie socjologiczne* [20 Years of Post-Soviet Realm. A Sociological Overview], Małgorzata Głowacka-Grajper and Robert Wyszynski (eds.), Warszawa: Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego.
- Rafałowski, Wojciech. 2010 “Kwestia zgodności preferencji wyborczych w ramach gospodarstwa domowego” [The Coherence of Electoral Preferences of Household Members], in: *Praktyki obywatelskie Polaków* [Civic Practices of Poles], Jacek Raciborski (ed.), Wydawnictwo IFiS PAN, Warszawa.
- Rafałowski, Wojciech. 2010 “Przyczynek do kwestii racjonalności obywateli: system wyborczy a preferencje” [A Contribution to Citizens’ Rationality: The Electoral Systems and Political Preferences], in: *Praktyki obywatelskie Polaków* [Civic Practices of Poles], Jacek Raciborski (ed.), Wydawnictwo IFiS PAN, Warszawa.

Research Project Participation

2020-2021	Country Coordinator of the Polish component of the Chicago Center on Democracy’s “Democracy Tools” project, funded by the United Nations Democracy Fund (Grant number UDF-18-788-GLO) led by Kevin Kromash, Senior Research Associate at The University of Chicago. The Polish component of the project began December 7, 2020 and finished March 15, 2021. A description of the project is currently available at: https://democracy.uchicago.edu/tools
2019-2020	“Where is my party? Party position-taking between elections and its consequences for party performance” (DE 1667/4-3) – project conducted at the University of Mannheim, led by Marc Debus, Zeynep Somer-Topcu and Margit Tavits. Country Coordinator
2015-2017	“Where Is My Party? Determinants of Voter Agreement about the Ideological Positions of Political Parties” (DE 1667/4-1) – project conducted at the University of Mannheim, led by Marc Debus, Zeynep Somer-Topcu and Margit Tavits. Country Research Assistant .
2013-2017	“The Contemporary State: Styles of Governance” – grant awarded by the Polish National Science Centre to prof. Jacek Raciborski, University of Warsaw. Team Member .

2011-2013	“From Values to Interests? The Evolution of Party Competition in New Democracies” – project developed by Margit Tavits (Washington University in St. Louis) and Natalia Letki (University of Warsaw). Research Assistant. (Resulting article was published in “Journal of Politics” 2014 Vol. 76 No. 1)
2010-2014	“Public Goods through Private Eyes. Exploring Citizens’ Attitudes to Public Goods and the State in Central Eastern Europe” – ERC Starting Grant awarded to Natalia Letki, University of Warsaw. Project Assistant.
2009-2010	“Citizenship in sociological perspective” – grant awarded by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education awarded to prof. Jacek Raciborski, University of Warsaw. Team Member.

Research Funding

- “Non-programmatic Characteristics of Political Parties and Their Use in Electoral Campaigns” National Science Center “Sonata” (DEC-2018/31/D/HS5/01171), 176 497 PLN, 2019-2021.
- “Legacy of Non-Democratic Regimes” Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw, 4160 PLN, 2017-2018.
- “Programmatic Dynamics of Electoral Campaigns” Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw, 7000 PLN, 2017-2018 and National Science Center “Miniatura” (DEC-2017/01/X/HS5/00729), 11628 PLN, 2017-2018.
- “What and How Political Parties Communicate on the Internet? Exploratory Insight into Facebook Sites of Polish Political Parties” Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw, 6500 PLN, 2016-2017.
- “Social Foundations of Political Radicalism” Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw, 6000 PLN, 2016-2017.
- “Empirical Indicators and Correlates of the Institutionalization of Political Competition in Democracies” Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw, 6100 PLN, 2015-2016.
- “Party System Dynamics in Times of Crisis – Conceptualization” Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw, 3000 PLN, 2014-2015.
- “Development of Methods for the Analysis of Determinants of Fragmentation and Polarization of Party Systems”, Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw, 5000 PLN, 2012-2013.

The Most Important Presentations at International Conferences

- “Campaigning on References to Integrity in Parliamentary Campaigns in Europe” at the 2022 APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition in Montréal 15-18 September 2022.
- “Strategic References to Competence During Electoral Campaigns in Europe” at the 79th Annual MPSA Conference in Chicago, 7-10 April 2022.
- “Anti-LGBTI Resolutions in Poland: When and Where Are They Proposed?”, virtual ECPR General Conference 30 August - 3 September 2021 and 15th Conference of the European Sociological Association in Barcelona 31 August - 3 September 2021.
- “An Exploratory Study of Emphasis on Competence in Party Manifestoes” at the APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition, Boston 30 August – 2 September 2018.
- “The Dynamics of Interests versus Value References in Parliamentary Campaigns: How the Interaction between Emotions and Economy Influences Party Strategies” at the 76th Annual MPSA Conference in Chicago, 5-8 April 2018.

- “Positional vs. Valence-based Party Campaigning” with Natalia Letki “Where Is My Party? Determinants of Voter Agreement about the Ideological Positions of Political Parties” workshop, Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung (MZES), Mannheim, 13 March 2017 and APSA Annual Meeting & Exhibition, San Francisco 30 August – 3 September 2017.
- “Institutionalization: The Concept, Its Application to Party Systems and Measurement” “Держава та глобальні соціальні зміни: 25 років української незалежності” conference in Kyiv at the National Technical University of Ukraine “Kyiv Polytechnic Institute”, 29-30 November 2016.
- “Does the Political Context Moderate the Consequences of Electoral Laws? Linking Party System Institutionalization and Fragmentation” “Історична соціологія цивілізацій: модерн поміж демократією та нерівністю” conference in Kyiv at the National Technical University of Ukraine “Kyiv Polytechnic Institute”, 30-31 May 2016.
- “State Identity in Europe Today: Some Determinants” with Jacek Raciborski, The Association For The Study Of Nationalities 2016 World Convention, Columbia University, New York City, 14-16 April 2016.
- “Policy Evaluation and State Identification” “The State and Global Social Change: Historical Sociology of Domination and Resistance in the Era of Modernity” conference in Kyiv at the National Technical University of Ukraine “Kyiv Polytechnic Institute”, 26-27 November 2015.
- “Measuring Changes to the State Budget in Poland. Demonstration of the Method” – at the IV International Conference “Social and Political Configurations of Modernity: Political Power in Ukraine and in Global Dimension” in Kyiv at the National Technical University of Ukraine “Kyiv Polytechnic Institute”, 3-4 June 2015.
- “Party system change in times of crisis. Evidence from European countries” – at the 4th Global International Studies Conference 2014 in Frankfurt am Main (Goethe University), 6-9 August 2014.
- “How Presidentialism Affects the Number of Parties? Evidence from Post-Communist Countries” at the ECPR Graduate Student Conference at the University of Innsbruck, 3-5 July 2014.
- “Psychological and Mechanical Consequences of Electoral Laws in Weakly Institutionalized Party Systems” at the “Challenges of Transition: The Post-Communist Experience(s)” conference at the University of Bucharest, 30-31 May 2014.
- “Communist Legacies and the Psychological and Mechanical Consequences of Electoral Systems” at the 72nd Annual MPSA Conference in Chicago, 3-6 April 2014.
- “Economic Crisis and Number of Parties in European Party Systems” at the 2013 EUDO Dissemination Conference “Elections in Europe in Times of Crisis” in Florence, 28-29 November 2013.
- “The Interaction of Formal and Informal Factors Shaping Party System Fragmentation. A Framework for Analysis” at the “Formality and Informality: from Decoupling to Entanglement” Conference in Warsaw, 13-14 May 2013.
- “A New Institutional Framework for Empirical Research on Factors Determining Party System Fragmentation” at the “9th New Institutionalism Workshop” in Warsaw, 14-15 March 2013.

Courses Taught

Graduate level: “Politics in Eastern and Central Europe after the Fall of Communism”, “Macro-data Analysis in Comparative Research”, “Dynamics of Electoral Campaigns”, “Political Consequences of SMD-based Electoral Systems. Contextual Factors Shaping the

Functioning of Formal Institutions”; “Conducting electoral campaigns in the European and American Context.

Undergraduate level: “Electoral Systems and Party Systems in Democratic Countries”, Bachelor-level seminar, “Institutions, Processes and Systems: Macrosociology”, “Data Analysis Using SPSS”

Languages of delivery: Polish and English

Other Teaching Services

2020-2024	Member of the Didactic Council of the Faculty of Sociology, University of Warsaw
2015-2019	Member of the Didactic Committee of the Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw.
2016-2024	Coordinator for the undergraduate specialization path “Politics and Democracy”, Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw.
2011-2024	Coordinator for the graduate specialization path “Sociology of politics, state, and public life”, Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw.

Courses Participation

- ERC Workshop on Research Data Management and Sharing on 18-19 September 2014, ERCEA (Covent Garden, Place Rogier, Brussels)
- 3rd ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques, University of Vienna, Austria, 16-21 February 2014. Course: “Advanced Discrete Choice Modeling”. (Instructor: Paul W. Thurner).
- 2nd ECPR Winter School in Methods and Techniques, University of Vienna, Austria, 17-22 February 2013. Courses: “Multilevel Regression Modelling” (Instructor: Levente Littvay) and “Introduction to STATA” (Instructor: David Johann).

Membership in Professional Associations

2017-2019, 2021-2022	Member of Midwest Political Science Association
2017-2019	Member of American Political Science Association

Scholarships and Awards

2019-2020	Fulbright Senior Award Scholarship awarded for a 5-month Research Visit beginning in September 2019 at the Washington University in St. Louis to conduct a study of the determinants of valence use in electoral campaigning;
2012-2013	Ph.D. candidate scholarship awarded to the best doctoral students and junior PhDs, University of Warsaw (2 nd place among candidates from all University faculties);
2012-2014	Academic achievement award, University of Warsaw;
2010-2014	Best Ph.D. candidate scholarship, Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw;
2010-2014	Fully-funded Ph.D. studentship, Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw;

2010 “Florian Znaniecki Prize”, II degree for the M.A. thesis awarded by the Polish Sociological Association.

Community Service and Administrative Engagements

2024-2028 Member of the Rector’s evaluation team representing the discipline of sociology

2024-2028 Member of the council of the discipline of sociology

2022-2023 cycle Evaluation expert for the Polish Fulbright Program (Polish-U.S. Fulbright Commission)

2015-2020 Member of the Council of the Joint Libraries of the Faculty of Philosophy and Sociology (University of Warsaw), Institute of Philosophy and Sociology (Polish Academy of Sciences and Polish Philosophical Association.

2013-2020 Managing Editor of *Studia Socjologiczno-Polityczne. Seria Nowa* [*Political and Sociological Studies. New Edition*].

March 2013 Organizational committee of “9th New Institutionalism Workshop” organized by the Institute of Social Prevention and Resocialization, University of Warsaw and the New Institutionalism Network.