

PERSONAL INFORMATION Agnieszka Olechnicka



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Agnieszka Olechnicka is an assistant professor and since 2016 the Director of the Centre for European Regional and Local Studies (EUROREG), University of Warsaw. She holds PhD with habilitation in economics and her main issue of interest are the role of science sector in the regional and local development, spatial aspects of innovation-driven, scientific collaboration and business-science relations, territorial aspects of information society, bibliometrics and scientometrics, development of less favoured regions. She participated, also as coordinator, in several European projects (within Horizon 2020, EU Framework Programmes, ESPON and Interreg) and several dozen national research and consultancy projects in these areas. She is a member of Science of Science Committee, Polish Academy of Science for the years 2019- 2022 and a secretary of the Regional Studies Association - Polish section since 2016. She co-authored Routledge book “The geography of scientific collaboration: theory, evidence and policy.”

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2016 – to present Director
Centre for European Regional and Local Studies EUROREG, University of Warsaw, Warsaw (Poland)
- 2016 – 2018 Director of Academy for Regional Development, post-diploma study commissioned by Ministry for Development.
- 2014 – 2016 Counsellor for Students' Affairs
Centre for European Regional and Local Studies EUROREG, University of Warsaw, Warsaw (Poland)
- 2003 – to present Assistant Professor
Centre for European Regional and Local Studies EUROREG, University of Warsaw, Warsaw (Poland)
- 1997 – 2005 Scientific assistant
University of Bialystok, Faculty of Economics, Department of International Economic Relations (Poland)
- 1999 – 2003 Specialist on territorial cooperation
Ministry of Economics, Labour and Social Affairs, Department of Regional Development in Bialystok (Poland)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 2014 Habilitation in Economics
University of Bialystok (Poland)
- 2003 Ph.D. in Economics
University of Bialystok (Poland)
- 1997 M.A. in Economics
University of Warsaw, Bialystok Branch, Faculty of Economics (Poland)

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s)	Polish				
Other language(s)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C1	C1	C1
Russian	B2	B2	B2	B1	B1
Ukrainian	A2	A2	A2	A2	A1

- Main areas of expertise
- evaluation of scientific sector on regional and local level also with the use of bibliometric and scientometric methods
 - designing, implementing and leading research projects on regional and local development (main topics: role of science sector in socio-economic development, spatial aspects of innovativeness and science and research activities, territorial cooperation, information society, development of less favoured regions)
 - experience in teaching, lecturing, training

- Computer skills and competences
- Microsoft Office™ (Word™, Excel™, PowerPoint™, Access™)
 - statistical packages (SPSS™)
 - bibliographic management tools (EndNote); MindManager™,
 - qualitative data analysis software MAXQDA™,

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Research projects
- Researcher: Technological Transformation and Transitioning of Regional Economies, ESPON, 2019 (on-going).
 - Researcher: The analysis of the regions at risk of marginalisation, Ministry for Infrastructure and Development, 2018.
 - Researcher and academic peer: ESPON SME: Small and Medium-sized Enterprises in European Regions and Cities, August 2016- do date.
 - Researcher: COHESIFY: The Impact of Cohesion Policy on EU Identification, January 2016 - to date
 - Coordinator: Polish scientific centres in the European cooperation network- features, determinants and mechanisms; National Science Centre grant (2011/03/B/HS4/05737), August 2012-February 2016.
 - Expert: GRINCOH: Growth – Innovation – Competitiveness: Fostering Cohesion in Central and Eastern Europe, 7th EU Framework Programme, March 2012- March 2015.
 - Coordinator of Polish team: KNOW-MAN: Knowledge Network Management in Technology Parks, Interreg IV c; January 2010-December 2012.
 - Coordinator: Cities and their universities for creation of knowledge and innovation; Ministry for Regional Development grant DKS/BDG-II/POPT/184/11; September-October 2011.
 - Expert: ESPON FOCl. Future Orientation for Cities; October 2008- December 2011.
 - Coordinator: Scientific potential and innovativeness of Polish regions; Ministry for Science and Higher Education grant (N N114 208434); April 2009 – September 2011.
 - Coordinator: Territorial Cohesion of Innovation System in Poland in the Context of the Implementation of Structural Funds; Ministry for Regional Development grant (DKS/DEF-III/POPT/04/194/08); August 2008 – December 2008.
 - Expert: eSUDOVIA, Innovative potential of the Suwalki subregionu for the development of the

- new technologies and the Information Society; August 2006-November 2007.
- Coordinator: ESPON Contact Point financed by the Ministry for Regional Development from EU funds, July 2007- 2014.
- Coordinator: ESPON 1.2.3 “Identification of Spatially Relevant Aspects of The Information Society”; July 2005-May 2006.
- Expert: EXLINEA: Lines of Exclusion as Arenas of Co-operation, 5 EU Framework Program, September 2004 – December 2005.
- Expert: ESPON 2.4.2 Integrated Analyses of Translational and National Territories based on ESPON results; September 2004 – December 2005.
- Expert: Lvov Development Project Ministry of International Relations of Great Britain; September 2003 – December 2004.
- Expert: ESPON 2.2.2: “Territorial Effects of the “Aquis Communitare” pre-accession aid and Phare/Tacis/Meda Programmes; July 2003 – December 2004.
- Expert: Technical progress, endogenous growth, knowledge-based economy and the opportunities for Poland in the integrated Europe, Committee of Scientific Research grant (2H02C 07922); October 2002 – April 2003.
- Expert: Poland transborder cooperation with Baltic Countries, Byelorussia, Russia; March 2002 – September 2002.
- Main researcher: Opportunities for peripheral regions in contemporary information economy); Committee of Scientific Research grant (H02C 021 19); October 2000- December 2002.
- Expert: Via Baltica Spatial Development Zone, INTERREG II C; March 1999 – June 2000.

Evaluations/ experts reports (selected)

- Chapter: Evaluation of the EU smart specialisations policy. Challenge and the proposed changes in the Report: Analysis of the innovative potential of Mazovia region in domestic and international perspective, contractor: Marshal Office in Warsaw, in Polish.
- Identification of areas of R&D activity of enterprises in the Mazowieckie Voivodship and the directions of R&D collaboration for the implementation of smart specialisation in Mazowieckie, 2017; contractor: Marshal Office in Warsaw, co-author: A. Płoszaj, in Polish.
- Potential of scientific and research institutions in the Lubelskie Voivodship, their domestic and foreign contacts, contractor: Marshal Office in Lublin ,2012, co-author: A. Płoszaj, in Polish.
- Several evaluations of Polish science position in the international arena (medical science, chemistry, mathematics, material science, physics, informatics, social science and humanities, agriculture, earth science); contractor: PolSCA - Polish Science Contact Agency, co-author: A.Płoszaj, 2009-to date, in Polish.
- Proposals of possible directions of government action in Polish regions. Growth potentials of Polish regions” used in: Regional Policy in Poland, Ministry for Regional Development, Warsaw 2011 (s.19-34), contractor: Ministry for Regional Development, in Polish.
- The use of structural instruments of EU for enhancing innovativeness of Polish economy”; contractor: Fundacja Gospodarki i Administracji Publicznej, co-authors: G. Gorzelak, A. Płoszaj, in Polish.
- ICT Publications in Poland – Bibliometric Analysis; July 2009 – August 2009.
- Polish Regional Innovation Strategies. Evaluation and Recommendations; contractor: Ministry for Regional Development grant; November 2005 – December 2005.
- Polish case study - research on university-enterprise-government relations, UNESCO/IIEP, 2005.
- The labour market in Warmia-Mazury Region and ways of its improvement; ILO; January 2005 –April 2005.

Selected publications

Books (since 2000):

- The geography of scientific collaboration: theory, evidence and policy. Routledge 2019. co-authors: A. Płoszaj, D. Celińska-Janowicz; forthcoming.

- Impact of the Economic Crisis on Social, Economic and Territorial Cohesion of the European Union, vol. I. Brussels 2014, European Parliament, co-authors: S. Milio, R. Crescenzi, N. Durazzi, M. Fossarello, E. Garnizova, P. Janowski, D. Luca, W. Schelkle.
- Models and tools for territorial analysis, Warszawa 2014, Wydawnictwo Naukowe Scholar, pp. 102, co-authors: K. Wojnar, D. Celińska-Janowicz, J. Rok, in Polish.
- Universities, Cities and Regions. Loci for Knowledge and Innovation Creation, Routledge, 2012; co-editors: R. Capello, G. Gorzelak
- Science potential and innovativeness of regions, Wydawnictwo Naukowe SCHOLAR, Warszawa 2012, in Polish.
- Knowledge Network Management Toolbox. 2nd Know- Man Brochure, Wydawnictwo Naukowe SCHOLAR, Warszawa 2012 co-editor: S. Schmidt.
- The European Metropolises and Their Regions: From Economic Landscapes to Metropolitan Networks, Warszawa 2011; co-authors: M. Smętkowski, G. Gorzelak, M. Kozak, A. Płoszaj, K. Wojnar.
- Poland from the Perspective of ESPON Research–Assessments, Conclusions, Recommendations, SCHOLAR, Warszawa 2009; editor; co-editor: G. Gorzelak, in Polish.
- Polish Science in the Network? Spatial Aspects of Science and Innovation. Research Report, Warszawa 2008; co-author: A. Płoszaj, in Polish.
- Peripheral Regions in the Knowledge Based Economy, Wydawnictwo Scholar, Warszawa 2004, in Polish.

Selected articles and book chapters (since 2000):

- The role of proximity in establishing collaboration among Polish scholars. "Zagadnienia Naukoznawstwa" 2018, Vol. LII, 3(213), ss. 285-308; co-author: Celińska-Janowicz D., A. Płoszaj, Wojnar K., in Polish.
- Scientific collaboration as element of innovative potential of European regions. "Studia Regionalne i Lokalne", 1(67)/2017, ss. 5-25; co-author: M. Smętkowski, A. Płoszaj Smętkowski, in Polish.
- Short-Term Problems and Long-Term Oriented Policy: EU Cohesion Policy Responding to Crisis, Barometr Regionalny 2016, no 14(3), s. 25-32, co-author: D. Wojtowicz.
- Running faster or measuring better? How is the R&D sector in Central and Eastern Europe catching up with Western Europe? GRINCOH Working Paper Series, 2015, Paper No. 3.06, co-author: A. Płoszaj.
- Poland - Case Study. [in:] Milio Simona (ed.) Impact of the Economic Crisis on Social, Economic and Territorial Cohesion of the European Union, vol. II. Case Studies. Brussels 2014, European Parliament, pp. 63-89, co-author: D. Wojtowicz.
- Regional cooperation or external links? Spatial proximity in science-business relations in Poland [in:] Capello R., Olechnicka A., Gorzelak G. (eds). Universities, Cities and Regions. Loci for Knowledge and Innovation Creation, Routledge, 2012.
- Strategies of leading universities facing new conditions and functions of higher education institutions, Studia Regionalne i Lokalne, 1(43) 2011, co-authors: Adam Płoszaj, Katarzyna Wojnar, in Polish.
- Academia- Industry-Government Interaction: a case study in Poland [in], Martin M. (ed). In search of the Triple Helix. Academia-industry-government interactions in China, Poland, and the Republic of Korea. Paris: International Institute for Educational Planning UNESCO; co-author: M. Kondratiuk-Nierodzińska.
- Higher Education Institutions: Potential, Barriers, Costs, Opportunities [in] Mazur S. (ed) The Resource-integrating state: Development Potential vs. the Quality of Public Regulations. UE w Krakowie i MSAP, Kraków 2011; co-authors: M. Herbst, A. Płoszaj.
- Spatial aspects of collaborative networks in science – lessons from Poland, „Studia Regionalne i

- Lokalne" special issue 2010; co-author: A. Płoszaj.
- Mapping the regional science performance. Evidence from Poland, *Collnet Journal of Scientometrics And Information Management* 4(1) 2010; co-author: A. Płoszaj.
 - Are networks of cooperation the solution for the innovativeness of region? [in:] G. Gorzelak, A. Tucholska (eds), *European challenge for Poland and its regions*, MRD, EUROREG UW, Warszawa 2010; co-author: A. Płoszaj, in Polish.
 - Analysis of strategies, models and evolution paths of world leading higher educational institutions, *Politechnika Warszawska*, Warszawa 2010, co-authors: W. Pander, A. Płoszaj, K. Wojnar, in Polish.
 - Innovative Warsaw- diagnosis of the potential. Report for the City of Warsaw, Warszawa 2010, co-authors: A. Płoszaj, M. Smętkowski, K. Wojnar, in Polish.
 - Metropolis and Innovation [in:] Jałowiecki B., *Does the metropolis is still a city?* SCHOLAR, Warszawa 2009; co-author: A. Płoszaj, in Polish.
 - Spatial aspects of science in Poland, „*Zagadnienia Naukoznawstwa*” nr 2/2009; co-author: A. Płoszaj, in Polish.
 - Polish Publications in the Field of Social Sciences and Humanities in the Web of Science atabase. Bibliometrical Analysis, *Polish Journal of Continuing Education* 1/2009; co-author: A. Płoszaj, in Polish.
 - Stocks and Flows of Intellectual Capital. Bibliometric Analysis of Polish Science [in:] Okoń-Horodyńska E., Wiśła R. (eds), *Intellectual Capital and Its Protection*, Warszawa 2009; co-author: A. Płoszaj, in Polish.
 - Regional Potential of Polish Science [in:] A. Nowakowska (eds), *Innovativeness of Regions in the Global Economy*, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Łódzkiego, Łódź 2009, in Polish.
 - The Role of Higher Education Institutions in the Region. International Experience [in:] T. Markowski (eds), *The role of Higher Education Institutions in the City Space*, Studia KPZK PAN, t. CXXI, Warszawa 2008; co-author: K. Wojnar, in Polish.
 - The ICT Impact on the Development of the Peripheral Region- Case of the Podlaskie Voivodship], „*Studia Regionalne i Lokalne*” 4(30)/2007; co-author: M. Smętkowski, in Polish.
 - Innovativeness of the Polish Regions [in:] G. Gorzelak (eds), *Regional and local Poland in the light of the EUROREG’s Research*, Scholar, Warszawa 2007, in Polish.
 - Information Society in the European Space, „*Studia Regionalne i Lokalne*” 1(27)/2007; co-author: G. Gorzelak, in Polish.
 - Regional innovation strategies in Poland, „*Studia Regionalne i Lokalne*” 1 (27)/2007; co-authors: G. Gorzelak, A. Bąkowski, M. Kozak, A. Płoszaj, in Polish.
 - Innovativeness of the Polish regions. Methods of measurement, state of art and tendencies [in:] G. Gorzelak, A. Tucholska (eds), *Development, region, space*, Ministerstwo Rozwoju Regionalnego, Warszawa 2007, in Polish.
 - Spatially Relevant Aspects of the Information Society. Podlaskie Voivodship case, [in:] Brzeziński C. (ed), *Problemy rozwoju europejskich regionów w warunkach integracji europejskiej*, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Łódzkiego, Łódź 2007; co-author: M. Smętkowski, in Polish.
 - Marketplaces in border region [in:] *Local and Regional Cross Border Co-operation Between Poland and Ukraine*, K. Krok, M. Smętkowski (eds), Wydawnictwo Naukowe “Scholar”, Warszawa 2006.
 - Expected effects of cross-border co-operation and EU enlargement [in:] *Local and Regional Cross Border Co-operation Between Poland and Ukraine*, K. Krok, M. Smętkowski (eds), Wydawnictwo Naukowe “Scholar”, Warszawa 2006; co-author: K. Krok.
 - Polish regional innovation strategies. Assessment and conclusions for future actions], *Ministerstwo Rozwoju Regionalnego*, Warszawa 2006; co-authors: G. Gorzelak, A. Bąkowski, M. Kozak, A. Płoszaj, in Polish.
 - How to Improve the Situation on the Difficult Labour Market? Analysis of the Situation in

Warmińsko-Mazurskie Voivodship, „Studia Regionalne i Lokalne” 1(23)/2006; co-authors: G. Gorzelak., M. Herbst, in Polish.

- Problem of Peripherality-Contemporary View [in:] Boltromiuk A. (eds), Regiony peryferyjne w perspektywie polityki strukturalnej UE, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu w Białymstoku, Białystok 2003, in Polish.
- Innovative Potential of Polish Regions, [in:] Zienkowski L. (eds), Wiedza i rozwój gospodarczy, Wydawnictwo Naukowe Scholar, Warszawa 2003; co-author: G. Gorzelak, in Polish.
- Preconditions for Transborder co-operation on the Polish-Lithuanian border], [in:] Bieńkowski W., Grabowiecki J., Wnorowski H. (eds), Współpraca Transgraniczna Polski z Krajami Bałtyckimi, Białorusią i Rosją - Ob. Kaliningradzki w warunkach integracji z Unią Europejską, Białystok 2003; co-author: A. Grosz, in Polish.
- Information Civilisation as a Development Challenge, OPTIMUM Studia Ekonomiczne nr 2 (14), Białystok 2002, in Polish.
- Regional Development in Information Economy, „Studia Regionalne i Lokalne” 4 (4)/2001, in Polish.
- Information as a Factor of Regional Development], [in:] J Brdulak (eds) Problemy Rozwoju Regionalnego, VIII Kongres Ekonomistów Polskich, PTE, Tom V, Wyd. Bellona, Warszawa 2001, in Polish.

Other activities:

- Member of Science of Science Committee, Polish Academy of Science, 2019- 2022
- Member of European Commission expert group "Scientific Advisory Group on Industrial Transition and Interregional Cooperation in Innovation", 2018-2020.
- Secretary of the Regional Studies Association - Polish section; 2016 - to date.
- Editor of scientific journal: Studia Regionalne i Lokalne (indexed in SCOPUS).

- Grant proposals evaluator for National Science Centre; since 2018.
- University session organiser during the European Week of Regions and Cities 2017- : Scientific collaboration in space. Up-to-date knowledge and policies, EU Commission, 10th October 2017.
- External referee in the scientific evaluation of proposals submitted to the ERC Starting, Consolidator and Advanced Grant Calls 2016.
- Invited speaker: 12th European Week of Regions and Cities OPEN DAYS UNIVERSITY, 8 October 2014, Brussels, presentation title: Collaboration and scientific performance of regions in Europe.
- Invited speaker; S3 Platform Peer Review Workshop on Transborder Cooperation organised by EU, 6 November, Baiona, Spain, presentation title: Interregional collaboration for innovation. Rationale, empirical results and policy. Reviewer of RIS 3 Strategies.