



Major studies and research projects

- **Psychology.** Psychological research encompasses, among others, the following fields: social cognition, the neurobiological bases of reading, and cognitive control. As part of the latter, a research project entitled "Beyond Automaticity: Behavioural, Cognitive, and Neural Mechanisms of Self-control" is being conducted by Prof. Edward Nęcka.

- **Sociology.** In sociological research, attention should be given to studies on the Europeanisation of the memory of the Holocaust in Eastern Europe. Other subjects explored by Faculty members include studies on the relationship between gender equality and quality of life, as well as a labour market monitoring project that is unique to Poland. The project is being run as part of a long-term study entitled "Human Capital Balance."

- **Philosophy.** Members of the Faculty of Philosophy of the Jagiellonian University conduct research on applied ethics and professional ethics, among other topics. Additionally, research into the theory of branching space-times and its application are developing rapidly. A project called "History of Ideas Research Network" is also conducted as part of philosophical research funded within the National Programme for the Development of Humanities.

- **Religious Studies.** Religious studies conducted at the Faculty of Philosophy involve research on the ancient Mexican cultures and their astronomical traditions, mystery theatre in pre-Columbian Mexico, and the history of and current affairs in cultures in the Holy Land, etc.

- **Cultural Studies.** The Centre for Comparative Studies of Civilisations investigates modern Hindu temples funded by the Birla family. There are also ongoing studies on the depiction of contemporary light art as well as studies on civil war as a cultural phenomenon as illustrated by the conflict in the Republic of Tajikistan.

- **Pedagogy.** The scope of research at the Institute of Pedagogy includes the following issues: andragogy, socio-cultural animation, pedagogical anthropology, general didactics, didactics in higher education, philosophy of education, pedagogical communication, pedagogy of culture, general pedagogy, and family pedagogy.

Collaboration

Scholars from the Faculty of Philosophy of the Jagiellonian University are involved in several dozen international projects, e.g. one concerning gender equality, which brings together researchers from Oslo and Kraków.

Research devoted to the cultures of ancient Mexico is conducted in collaboration with the Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, while academics from the Institute of Psychology collaborate with the University of Maryland (studies on motivated social cognition), Pennsylvania State University (studies on bilingualism), and the Université Libre de Bruxelles (studies on consciousness).



Prof. Arnold Lebeuf – investigates cultural anthropology, particularly the importance of astronomy in culture. He conducted studies in Santa Cristina, Sardinia (the measure of moonlight in the Nuragic culture well from 1000 BC). It is worth noting that his research also explores pre-Columbian cultures, e.g. Aztec mystery theatre, archives of the Moctezuma family, as well as the calendar, cosmology and astronomy in Mesoamerica during the pre-Columbian period.

Prof. Włodzimierz Galewicz – conducts fundamental and pioneering studies in Polish philosophy on the most significant contemporary ethical issues concerning the broadly defined applied ethics and professional ethics, particularly bioethics and business ethics. As of autumn 2014 he was implementing a research grant devoted to the problem of justice in health care (MAESTRO Programme).

Prof. Edward Nęcka – explores topics related to general and cognitive psychology, including intelligence and creativity issues. He is the founder of the formal theory of intelligence. His most recent research focuses on cognitive control and self-control. In the sphere of the latter, Prof. Nęcka is conducting research through a grant (MAESTRO Programme).

Prof. Piotr Sztompka – primarily investigates issues related to social change and the concept of social systems. His research is also devoted to system transformation, the concept of social trauma, visual sociology, and sociology of everyday life. He has written more than twenty sociology books, published mostly in the United States and the United Kingdom. The most significant books include *System and Function* (1974), *Society in Action: The Theory of Social Becoming* (1990), *The Sociology of Social Change* (1993), and *Trust: a Sociological Theory* (1999).

Specialisation

- Neuroscience
- Cognitive Science
- Social Psychology
- Cognitive Psychology
- Social Research Methods
- Social Anthropology
- Sociology of Population Studies
- Cultural Studies
- Social Work
- Buddhology

Achievements

The synthesis of the history of Polish philosophy presented in work *Historia filozofii polskiej* (History of Polish Philosophy; 2010), written by Jan Skocznyński and Jan Woleński, two professors from the Faculty of Philosophy of the Jagiellonian University, constitutes an achievement of fundamental importance for the development of humanities.

The book describes Polish philosophical thought both in the broad context of European philosophy and in connection with other areas of life: science, religion, politics, literature, and arts. This work is the fruit of many years of research of both scholars, who are not only insightful historians of Polish philosophy, but also its evangelists in the international philosophical community as well as the discoverers of the forgotten figures, concepts and works of Polish philosophy.

Research conducted in the Institute of Psychology on changes in the brain observed after acquiring cultural skills, reading in particular, made it possible to identify the areas of the brain responsible for this process. People who use both the visual and Braille alphabets participated in this research.

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