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Vice?Dean for Research of the Faculty of Culture and Art

Member of the Committee for Bioethics at the Presidium of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

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Chair of Ethics Committee of the Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology

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?2023-2024 visiting scholar, [Centre for Biomedicine, Self and Society](#) [4], Usher Institute, University of Edinburgh

[Area of interest](#)

childhood studies, medical anthropology, reproductive health, rights and policies; gender studies, Poland

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Education

1999 MA in Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Warsaw

1994-1999 MA programme, Polish Philology, University of Warsaw

2005 PhD in Sociology, Graduate School for Social Research at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences

2014 habilitation

Selected publications

Articles in peer-reviewed journals

2024 "We'll be able to hang out when there's no coronavirus." On safe spaces in Polish pandemic playscapes, *Global Studies of Childhood* (with Ewa Maciejewska-Mrocze), <https://doi.org/10.1177/20436106241233007> [5]

2023 'Should I Buy Her a Doll'? Motherhood and Turner Syndrome in Poland. *Medical Anthropology* (with Ewa Maciejewska-Mrocze), <https://doi.org/10.1080/01459740.2023.2170797> [6]

2020 Bad television, unhealthy computers? Children's mapping of health, fun and morality. *Children's Geographies*. doi: 10.1080/14733285.2020.1849561

2019 The hormone of growth and hope. The case of the Turner Syndrome. *Ethnologia Polona*. doi: 10.23858/EthP40.2019.0

2019 Being a girl with a rare disease: an anthropological investigation on Turner Syndrome. *Salute e Società*. doi: 10.3280/SES2019-003009

2019 „Je chipsy i zapycha si? chrupkami”. M?odzie? w opiniach dzieci [“She eats chips and clogs with crisps”]. *Teenagers in the eyes of children*. *Etnografia. Praktyki, teorie, do?wiadczenia* 5.

2018 Kochanie, ratujmy nasze dzieci – telewizyjny spektakl zdrowia [Honey, let's save our kids! – TV spectacle of health]. *Miscellanea Anthropologica et Sociologica* 19.

2017 How the political becomes private. In vitro fertilization and the Catholic Church in Poland. *Journal of Religion and Health*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s10943-017-0480-3> [7]

2017 „Jak zacz??a si? twoja historia”. Nowe technologie reprodukcyjne i nowe formy stigmatyzacji [„How did your story begin”. New reproductive technologies and new forms of stigmatization]. *Lud* 101.

2017 with E. Maciejewska-Mrocze. Do 'In Vitro Children' Exist? The 'Ontological Choreography' between Public Debates and Private Experiences. *Children's Geographies*. [doi:10.1080/14733285.2017.1380781](https://doi.org/10.1080/14733285.2017.1380781) [8].

2017 „O nas si? mówi, ale z nami si? nie rozmawia”. Dziecko w kulturze wspó?czesnej i badaniach spo?eczno-kulturowych w kontek?cie polskiej debaty na temat technologii reprodukcyjnych. *Miscellanea Anthropologica et Sociologica* 18(4).

2016 Telewizja, s?odycze i zdrowie. O sprawczo?ci dzieci i napi?ciach w praktykach ?ycia codziennego w kontek?cie programów promocji zdrowia [Television, sweets, and health. On children's agency and tensions in everyday life practices in the context of health promoting programmes]. *Folia Sociologica* 58.

2015 „To wielkie zwyci?stwo polskiej wolno?ci”? Nowa ustanow regu?ca leczenie metod? in vitro w Polsce [“Great Victory of our Freedom?” The new in vitro act in Poland]. *Prawo i Medycyna* 62(18).

2014 Between advanced medical technology and prayer: infertility treatment in post-socialist Poland. *Sociologicky Casopis-Czech Sociological Review* 50(6).

2014 ?luz, modlitwa i laparoskopia. Popularyzacja naprotechnologii w kontek?cie polskiej debaty na temat zap?odnienia in vitro [Mucus, prayer and laparoscopy. Popularization of naprotechnology in the context of polish debate on in vitro fertilization]. *Etnografia Polska*, vol. 58, no. 1-2.

2014 Frozen children and despaired embryos in the 'new' post communist state: debate on IVF in the context of Poland's transition. *European Journal of Women's Studies* 21 (4)s November.

2013 ??????????. ?????????????? ??? ? ????? ?????? ?? ?????????????? ????. ?????????????????? ?????????? 3.

2013 Biotransfiguracje – sztuka, ?ycie, polityka. *Teksty Drugie* 1?2.

2012 The creation of "monsters": the discourse of opposition to in vitro fertilization in Poland. *Reproductive Health Matters*, November.

2012 Who is afraid of Frankenstein? Polish debate on in-vitro fertilization. *Ethnologia Europea. Journal of European Ethnology* 2(42).

2012 ?????????????? ??????? ? ??????? ?????????? ? ?????????????? ?????? ?????????????? ?????????? 3.

2012 Gdzie si? kryj? potwory? Dzieci epoki zaawansowanych technologii medycznych (Where be monsters? Children of the Age of Advanced Medical Technology), *Kultura Popularna* 1 (31).

2010 Pinokio i jego bracia (Pinocchio and his brothers). *Dialog* 3.

2009 Sztuczne dziecko. Mi?dzy niepokoj?c? obco?ci? a swojsk? czu?o?ci? (Artificial Child: The Gap between Troubling Uneasiness and Tenderness Bred by Familiarity). *Przegl?d Filozoficzny* 3(71).

Journal Special Issues: Guest editor

2016 Between Policy and Practice: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Assisted Reproductive Technologies and Equitable Access to Health Care. *Reproductive Biomedicine & Society Online* 3 (with J. Mishtal).

<https://www.rbmssociety.com/issue/S2405-6618> [9](16)X0003-2

2015 Antropologia i historia (Anthropology and history). *Rocznik Antropologii Historii* 5(8) (with A. Koscia?ska)

2014 Kultura i Medycyna (Culture and medicine). *Etnografia Polska* 58 (1-2) (with M. Rajtar)

Books – Monograph

2013 Do?wiadczenie in vitro. Niep?odno?? i nowe technologie reprodukcyjne w perspektywie antropologicznej (In vitro experence. Infertility and New reproductive Technologies from the anthropological perspective), Warsaw University Press.

2008 Od Golema do Terminatora. Wizerunki sztucznego cz?owieka w kulturze (From Golem to Terminator. Cultural Images of Artificial Man), Warsaw: Wydawnictwa Akademickie i Profesjonalne.

Edited volumes

2021 Fragmenty wi?kszej ca?o?ci. Dla Jerzego S. Wasilewskiego (Fragments of a larger whole. For Jerzy S. Wasilewski) (with A. Ko?cia?ska, T. Rakowski), Warsaw University Press.

2019 Zespó? Turnera. Glosy i do?wiadczenia (Turner syndrome. Voices and Experiences) (with M. Reimann, E. Maciejewska-Mroczenk), Warsaw: Oficyna Naukowa.

2018 Dziecko, in vitro, spo?ecze?stwo. Uj?cie interdyscyplinarne (Child, IVF, society. Interdisciplinary perspective) (with A. Krawczak, E. Maciejewska-Mroczenk), Warsaw: Oficyna Naukowa.

2018 Zdrowie dzieci. Wst?p do childhood studies (Children's health. Introduction to childhood studies) (with [M. Reimann](#) [10]), Warsaw: Oficyna Naukowa.

2014 Etnografie biomedycyny (Ethnographies of biomedicine) (with H. Wierci?ski), Warsaw University Press.

2011 Do?wiadczenie ?wiata. Do?wiadczenie lektury (Experiencing the Word. Experiencing Reading), Warsaw: Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology & DiG.

2010 Antropologia wobec wspó?czesno?ci (Anthropology towards Present Day) (with A. Malewska? Sza?ygin), Warsaw: Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology.

Chapters

2024 Growth Hormone. In: A Ford et al. (eds.). Hormonal Theory. A Rebellious Glossary. Bloomsbury Publishing

2022 with A. Krawczak. IVF in Poland From political debates to biomedical practices. In: E. Griessler et. al. (eds.). The Regulation of Assisted Reproductive Technologies in Europe. London: Routledge.

2021 Tabu i adopcja. Rodzinna gra w zapomnienie [Taboo and the family game into oblivion]. In: A. Ko?cia?ska et.al. (eds.). Fragmenty wi?kszej ca?o?ci. Dla Jerzego S. Wasilewskiego [Fragments of a larger whole. For Jerzy S. Wasilewski]. Warsaw University Press.

2019 with A. Ko?cia?ska. Feminist Anthropologists Meet the Ideology of Gender. In: M. Buchowski (ed.). Twilight Zone Anthropology: A Voice from Poland. Herefordshire, UK: Sean Kingston Publishing.

2019 with E. Maciejewska-Mroczek, M. Reimann. Etnografia zespo?u Turnera. Wprowadzenie [Ethnography of Turner Syndrome. Introduction]. In: Zespó? Turnera. Glosy i do?wiadczenia [Turner syndrome. Voices and Experiences] Warsaw: Oficyna Naukowa.

2019 Nikt nie rodzi si? kobiet?? Zespó? Turnera i zwierciad?a kobieco?ci [Is anyone born a woman? Turner syndrome and mirrors of femininity] In: Zespó? Turnera...

2018 with [M. Reimann](#) [10]. Dzieci i zdrowie. Wprowadzenie [Children and health. Introduction]. In: Zdrowie dzieci. Wst?p do childhood studies [Children's health. Introduction to childhood studies], Warsaw: Oficyna Naukowa.

2018 Termoaktywna bielizna, waleczne limfocyty i podró?e w nieznane, czyli o ciele i zdrowiu w ksi??kach dla dzieci [Thermal underwear, brave lymphocytes, and journeys into the unknown, or on health and illness in children's books]. In: Zdrowie dzieci...

2018 [Dziecko z in vitro? O ontologicznej choreografii mi?dzy polityk? a to?samo?ci?](#) [11] [An IVF child. On ontological choreography between politics and identity]. In: Dziecko, in vitro, spo?ecze?stwo. Uj?cie interdyscyplinarne [Child, IVF, society. Interdisciplinary perspective], Warsaw: Oficyna Naukowa.

2018 with E. Maciejewska-Mroczek. Pomi?dzy religijnym nakazem, politycznym dyskursem a prywatnym prze?yciem: babcia i dziadek wobec zap?odnienia in vitro [Between religious rules, political discourse, and private experience: a grandmother, a grandfather, and IVF]. In: Dziecko, in vitro, spo?ecze?stwo....

2017 with E. Maciejewska-Mroczek. Between Monster Child and Innocent Baby. Managing Fear and Hope in Polish Debates on In Vitro Fertilization. In: J. Ahlbeck et al. (eds.). Childhood, Literature and Science: Child Figures as Fragile Subjects. Abingdon: Routledge.

2017 Antropologia medyczna w dzia?aniu. Do?wiadczenia, uwik?ania, sieci [Medical anthropology in action - experiences, entanglements, networks], In: Colloquia Anthropologica II, (eds.) J. Jasionowska, K. Kaniowska, Warsaw: Oficyna Naukowa.

2015 with A. Malewska et al. From the Chair to the Field. Research in Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology in Warsaw. In: H. Alzheimer et al. (eds.). Jahrbuch für Europäische Ethnologie. Polen. Institut für Ethnologie und Kulturanthropologie, Universität Warschau: Verlag Ferdinand Schöningh, Paderborn.

2015 P?acz?ce zarodki, polskie dzieci. O in vitro w polskim parlamencie. In: Niebezpieczne zwi?zki. Macierzy?stwo, ojcostwo i polityka, (eds.) R. Hryciuk, E. Korolczuk, Warsaw University Press.

2014 Mleko matki. Wst?p do antropologii jedzenia dla najm?odszych. In: Terytoria smaku. Studia z antropologii i socjologii jedzenia, (eds.) A. Wieczorkiewicz, U. Jarecka, IFiS PAN, Instytut Etnologii i Antropologii Kulturowej UW, Warsaw .

2014 Powroty monstrum. Mit Frankensteinia we wspó?czesnych recepcjach odkry? naukowych. In: U ?róde? fantasy. Postaci i motywy z literatury niemieckiej w relacjach interkulturowych II, (eds.) E. Hendryk, E. Kami?ska, Przedsi?biorstwo Produkcyjno-Handlowe ZAPO, Szczecin.

2014 Potyczki z technologij?. Badania prenatalne w uj?ciu antropologicznym. In: Etnografie biomedycyny, (eds.) M. Radkowska-Walkowicz, H. Wierci?ski, Warsaw University Press.

2014 (with H. Wierci?ski) Wst?p. Biomedycyna, reprodukcja, antropologia. In: Etnografie biomedycyny, (eds.) M. Radkowska-Walkowicz, H. Wierci?ski, Warsaw University Press.

2014 Czemu s?u?y straszenie „ideologi? gender”? Rozmow? przeprowadzi? Tomasz Stawiszy?ski. In: Gender. Przewodnik Krytyki Politycznej, Wydawnictwo Krytyki Politycznej, Warsaw.

2012 Aaaby wynaj?? brzuch. Antropologiczne konteksty macierzy?stwa zast?pczego. In: Po?egnanie z Matk?-Polk?? Dyskursy, praktyki i reprezentacje macierzy?stwa we wspó?czesnej Polsce, (eds.) R. Hryciuk, E. Korolczuk, Warsaw University Press.

2011 Blastusie i syndrom. Rola j?zyka naukowego w polskiej debacie o in vitro. In: Humanistyka i dominacja. Oddolne do?wiadczenia spo?eczne w perspektywie zewn?trznych rozpozna?, (eds.) T. Rakowski, A. Malewska-Sza?ygin, Instytut Etnologii i Antropologii Kulturowej UW, Warsaw.

2011 Co robi etnograf? Czyta. In: Do?wiadczenie ?wiata. Do?wiadczenie lektury, (ed.) M. Radkowska-Walkowicz, DiG, Warsaw.

2011 Wst?p. Antropologiczne danie z kanibala. In: W. Arens, Mit ludo?ercy. Antropologia i antropofagia, Warsaw University Press.

2010 Nie s?uchaj te?ciowej! Czyli jak ?ywi? niemowl? w czasach internetu. In: Antropolog wobec wspó?czesno?ci, (eds.) A. Malewska-Sza?ygin, M. Radkowska-Walkowicz, Instytut Etnologii i Antropologii Kulturowej UW, Warsaw.

2010 Ba?? o mi?ych droidach, z?ym cyborgu i nowoczesno?ci. In: Gwiezdne wojny. Wspó?czesny epos (pop)kulturowy, (ed.) A. Jaw?owski, Wydawnictwa Akademickie i Profesjonalne, Warsaw.

Other publications

2022 Dzieci z nie-miejsc. Kiedy do?wiadczenie staje si? opowie?ci?. Ksi??ka dla dzieci (with Ewa Maciejewska-Mrocze), —

2018 Zdrowie dzieci. Ksi??ka dla dzieci (Children's health. Book for children) (with [M. Reimann](#) [10]), Warsaw: Oficyna Naukowa 2018.

Research projects

GRANTS (PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR):

2022 **Univeristy of Warsaw** research grant for project “Childhood and hormones. Congenital adrenal hyperplasia: anthropological perspective” (2022?2023)

2020 **Brocher Foundation Centre**, Hermance, Switzerland – Visiting Research Residency

2020 **National Science Centre Grant** (Poland) for doctoral research project “Lyme disease and the Internet. An anthropological study of medical controversies in the Digital Age” (2020?2023)

2016 **Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education/ National Program for the Development of Humanities** (Poland) for research project: “Turner Syndrome: Socialization patterns and the management of embodiment in chronic disease. An interdisciplinary approach.” (2016–2019)

2015 **National Science Centre Grant** (Poland) for research project: “Health in the opinion of children - a perspective of childhood studies.” (2015-2018)

2015 **Brocher Foundation Publication Grant**: for publication of 15 original papers in Special

Issue of *Reproductive Biomedicine & Society Journal*. Based on Brocher Symposium “Between Policy and Practice: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Assisted Reproductive Technologies and Equitable Access to Health Care.” Guest Editors: J. Mishtal and M. Radkowska-Walkowicz.

2015 **Brocher Foundation Symposium, Hermance, Switzerland**: “Between Policy and Practice: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Assisted Reproductive Technologies and Equitable Access to Health Care.” Collaborator: J.Mishtal, PhD. July 6-7, 2015.

2013 **National Science Centre Grant** (Poland) for research project: “New reproductive technologies - perspective of childhood studies.” (2013-2018)

2011 **National Science Centre Grant** (Poland) for research project: “Family and reproduction in the context of genetic development and new medical technologies. The anthropological perspective.” (2011-2014)

see: childhoods.uw.edu.pl [12]

Conferences and visiting lectures

see: <http://childhoods.uw.edu.pl/wydarzenia/konferencje/> [13]

Awards and Scholarships

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2020 Brocher Foundation Centre, Hermance, Switzerland – Visiting Research Residency

2018 Award of the rector of the University of Warsaw for outstanding achievements in science.

2016 A medal of 200 years of the University of Warsaw.

2015 Award of the rector of the University of Warsaw for outstanding achievements in science .

2008 KLIO Award of the Faculty of History at University of Warsaw for the book *Od Golema do Terminatorka. Wizerunki sztucznego człowieka w kulturze* (From Golem to Terminator. Cultural Images of Artificial Man), Warsaw.

2006 Bronze Chimera. Publication Design Contest for the cover of (*op.cit.*) *Maszyna interpretacyjna* (with K. Cibor and P. Walkowicz).

2004, 2005 Grand Front, the contest organized by the Chamber of Press Publishers, golden, silver and bronze

medals for front cover of (*op.cit.*,) (with K. Cibor and P. Walkowicz).

2002 Award for the best seminar paper, The Graduate School for Research at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences

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- [6] <https://doi.org/10.1080/01459740.2023.21707972023>
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