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Graduate of the Institute of Polish Culture at the University of Warsaw and Philological and Cultural Studies at the University of Warsaw, Laureate of the Warsaw Cultural Education Award. I research the history and contemporariness of a former village of Wolica, which is located in today's Ursynów and Wilanów, districts of Warsaw. I am interested in the "vanishing" of villages and towns. An Ursynów resident, but a Wolica resident at heart.

[Area of interest](#)

Urban studies, visual anthropology, memory studies, action research, tangible and intangible heritage, social archiving, cartography including geoinformatics.

[Selected publications](#)

- Wolica - a stubborn village on the outskirts of Warsaw, *Zeszyty Wiejskie* 2020.
- On the folk heritage of Wolica, a former village within the boundaries of Warsaw, *Journal of Urban Ethnology*, 2023.

[Research projects](#)

Doctoral thesis:

The former village of Wolica - persistence through oblivion. Analysis of the dynamics and conflicts shaping a stubborn village near Warsaw

Conferences and visiting lectures

Conferences, Seminars, Guest Lectures (selection)

- Paper "Who Am I At Last?": On The Nuanced Identity Of Interdisciplinary Anthropologists, Shaped By The Nomadic Writing Process, SIEF Aberdeen, June 2025
- Paper "'Borrowed' Folkness? On the Ambiguous Identity of Contemporary Ursynów and Its Construction" at the conference "The Ludic Turn – Dark Specter or New Hope?", University of Warsaw, November 2024
- Paper "Among Fields, Among Gated Communities – A Story about Corpus Christi Celebrations in Wolica", EASA Barcelona, July 2024
- Participation in the workshop "Local self-governance and urban property relations" organised by Collaborative Research Centre 294 „Structural Change of Property”. Lecture entitled "Village inside the capital: urban property relations in Warsaw's Wolica". Jena, October 2023
- Participation in a conference "Refleksyjne miasto" [Reflective City] organized by Sekcja Socjologii Miasta, Polskie Towarzystwo Socjologiczne [The Section of Urban Sociology, The Polish Sociological Association]. Paper: "Od mazowieckiej wsi do grodzonych osiedli - analiza zmian przestrzennych warszawskiej Wolicy" [From a Mazovian village to gated communities - analysis of spatial changes in the Warsaw's Wolica], Gdańsk, June 2023.
- Lecture at "Dni Ursynowa" ["Ursynów Days"] - "My tu ci?gle mieszkamy, mi?dzy blokami" ["We still live here, among the blocks"], Warsaw, June 2023.
- 9th Environmental Conservation Conference, "Konserwacja Zapobiegawcza ?rodowiska, Etnograficzne dziedzictwo kulturowe: identyfikacja, szanse i zagro?enia we wspó?czesnym ?wiecie" ["Ethnographic cultural heritage: identification, opportunities and threats in the contemporary world"], UKSW, November 2021.
- Participation in the debate: "Potrzeba miejsca pam?ci na Ursynowie" ["The need for a place of remembrance in Ursynów"] organised in cooperation with the Ursynów District Cultural Centre - MAL Kajakowa 12b, October 2021.

Awards and Scholarships

- Laureate of the Warsaw Cultural Education Award 2025
- Rector's Scholarship for the Best Students 2017-2018

Member of scientific organizations

International Society for Ethnology and Folklore (SIEF)
European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA)
The Polish Ethnological Society / Warsaw Branch

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