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TG09 cordially invites all members and interested academics to a Virtual/ Online Seminar

“Teaching Sociology of Disability in Eastern Europe: Example of Poland and Lithuania”

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Friday, 29 November 2024

Time: 13h00 to 15h30 GMT



| TIME | AGENDA | SPEAKER |
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| 13h05- 13h15 | Welcome and Introduction A short introduction to the issues of the seminar: who are the guests, and what topics will be covered, including about Sociology of Disability Polish Sociological Association | Jakub Niedbalski and Tomasz Kasprzak [Session Moderators] |
| 13h15-13h30 | Education of Sociologist at the University of Silesia In Katowice (Case Study) | Agata Zygmunt-Ziemianek |





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| 13h30 -14h15 | Teaching Sociology of Disability in Poland and Lithuania Presenting the approach to conducting classes in the Sociology of Disability in Poland and Lithuania. How do faculty construct and communicate the Sociology of Disability in their classrooms? We pose several sub-questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How do academic teachers describe the course?• What learning goals are articulated and shared?• What topics are most commonly taught?• To what extent do academic teachers use readings by sociologists and people living with disabilities? (for each of these questions, we examine the level of agreement across syllabi) | Tomasz Kasprzak, Dorota Żuchowska-Skiba and Saloméja Karasevičiūtė |
| 14h15 to 14h45 | Accessibility in Teaching Sociology of Disability What do we know about accessibility in teaching the Sociology of Disability? | Joanna Sztobryn-Giercuszkiewicz, Zbigniew Głąb and Saloméja Karasevičiūtė |
| 14h45 to 15h15 | Teaching Social Work in The Context of Disability Studies Educating future social workers in Poland and Lithuania in the context of knowledge about disability (disability studies) | Mariola Raclaw and Jurga Mataitytė-Diržiene |
| 15h15 to 15h30 | Summary of the Seminar | Jakub Niedbalski and Tomasz Kasprzak |





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PRESENTER BIOS

Zbigniew Głąb, PhD, University of Lodz. Historian and sociologist. Assistant professor in the Department of Applied Sociology and Social Work, Faculty of Economics and Sociology; Head of Centre for Disability Studies and Accessibility. He specializes in sociological aspects of social policy towards people with disabilities with a particular focus on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the concept of independent living. His interests include the deinstitutionalization of support for people with disabilities (in particular housing and personal assistance). He has been active for many years in non-governmental organizations supporting the emancipation processes of people with disabilities.



Salomėja Karasevičiūtė associate professor/researcher and Chairperson of the Social Work study program committee of Department of Law, Communication and Human Welfare at Marijampole Higher Education Institution. Assistant/researcher at Department of social work at Kauno kolegija Higher Education Institution. She has conducted over 120 original seminars for social workers nationally and internationally. Her scientific articles and theses is published international and national scientific publications. She read over 50 presentations at international and national research practical conferences. Supervised over 20 successfully defended bachelor's theses.



Tomasz Kasprzak sociologist of disability, assistant professor in the Institute of Sociology of the University of Silesia in Katowice. His main areas of interest are the sociology of disability and deafblind studies. Collaborates with the Section of Sociology of Disability of the Polish Sociological Association. Deputy manager in the international project "Structures of uncertainty: inclusive education in Central and Eastern European countries" financed by the Visegrad Group funds. Author of 30 scientific publications on disability and deafblind studies



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Jurga Mataityte-Dirziene is an associate professor at the Department of Social Work and Social Welfare at Vilnius University. With a social work and sociology background, she brings a decade of experience working with individuals with disabilities. Additionally, she is an active Lithuanian Social Work Council member at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour. Jurga's responsibilities include instructing students in Social Work and Social Policy programs and conducting research in the areas of disability, integration, support services, and media representations of these topics.



Jakub Niedbalski, a sociologist, is a research and teaching staff member employed in the Department of Sociology of Organization and Management of the Institute of Sociology, University of Lodz. He specializes in the computer-assisted analysis of qualitative data, qualitative research methods, the sociology of disability, and the sociology of sport. He researches the social activation of people with disabilities, as well as on the situation of families with people with disabilities, including entities and institutions supporting them. He is the author of several dozens of scientific publications devoted to the issues of disability, social assistance, as well as research methodology. He is the editor of the Qualitative Sociology Review (Przegląd Socjologii Jakościowej) and the chairman of the Section of Disability Sociology of the Polish Sociological Association.



Mariola Raclaw is a Professor and sociologist in the Institute of Applied Social Sciences at the University of Warsaw, Poland. Her research interests include the sociology of population (among others, disability and ageing), the sociology of family and the sociology of social policy. She was a member of the Government Population Council (2017-2024) and the Co-Founder and Vice-President of the Sociology of Disabilities Section of the Polish Sociological Association. She was engaged in a research project carried out at Warsaw University, "*Policies for independent living in Poland and Norway* dealing with personal assistance for people with disabilities", funded by a Norway grant.



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Joanna Sztobryn-Giercuskiewicz is a psychologist & sociologist of disability, assistant professor in the Department of Applied Sociology and Social Work at the University of Lodz. Academically and professionally she is concerned with accessibility of higher education for people with disabilities and special needs. She is a member of the scientific council of the Centre for Disability and Accessibility Studies at the University of Lodz, and is the author of numerous publications on the academic education of students with disabilities, neurodiversity and mental health issues.



Dorota Żuchowska-Skiba is a sociologist affiliated with the Faculty of Humanities at AGH University of Krakow. She holds a PhD in sociology, and her research focuses on new media technologies and the sociology of disability. In her work, she pays particular attention to the social, public, and civic engagement of people with disabilities, emphasizing the role of new information technologies in supporting these activities. Her research aims to explore how digital tools and modern technologies can empower individuals with disabilities, facilitating their active participation in society and improving their quality of life. Her contributions to the sociology of new media and disability studies are crucial in understanding how technologies can support social inclusion while increasing the agency and independent living of people with disabilities.



Dr Agata Zygmunt-Ziemianek is a sociologist and assistant professor at the Institute of Sociology at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Silesia in Katowice. Since 2019, she has been the director of the following fields of study: urban policies and public counselling, social work, sociology, human resource management in organizations. Her scientific and research interests focus on issues in the field of social demography, social policy, sociology of social problems, sociology of gender and didactics of higher education. She has completed over 30 research projects and commissioned research and expert works in cooperation with and commissioned local government units and non-governmental organizations. She implements empirical projects using quantitative and qualitative approaches.

