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Since 2017, I have had the privilege of being part of UNICA's Steering Committee. In my post, I had worked closely with other colleagues to advance the agenda of high quality European higher education across all member institutions while also promoting UNICA's core value at my own institution, the University of Warsaw. This was one of the most formative professional experiences which I hope to build on in my second term.

Between 2005-2012 I was the Vice-Head of the Institute of History and was in charge of admissions, marking, curriculum reform and students' academic welfare. Between 2008 and 2016, I was a member of the University of Warsaw Senate's Commission for Students', PhD candidates' affairs and Quality of Teaching, which monitors programmes and curricula along with all internal regulations related to teaching and learning process at the University. I was also a member of a special Rector's group (2014 – 2016) responsible for monitoring programme and training of prospective teachers. In 2015 – 2016 I was the first Director of the School of Education, a joint enterprise between Polish-American Freedom Foundation and the University of Warsaw.

In addition to these activities, I am a researcher of Early Modern European history, parliamentary history and political culture. I teach a wide range of courses, including history of Poland, history of Tudor and Stuart England as well as courses on teaching methods for prospective teachers of history. My research interests and teaching expertise are complemented by my public engagement and outreach activities. Over the years, I gave a number of public lectures on the topics of early modern history, parliamentarism, historical education and participated in numerous radio and TV programmes and debates.

My recent academic publications focus on early modern republicanism, parliament and parliamentary institutions, early modern social communication as well as the relationship between localities and centres of power. My key publications include: *Sejmiki mazowieckie za Wazów* (1998); *Między społeczeństwem szlacheckim a władzą. Problemy komunikacji społecznej: społeczności lokalne - centrum za Jana Kazimierza* (2002); 'Od zgody wszystkich do jedności – modus concludendi sejmów polskich za ostatnich Wazów' (2010); 'Obywatele u władzy: narodziny, rozwój i upadek szlacheckiej republiki' (2013);

Parlamentaryzm koronny za Jagiellonów (2015);' 'Mazowiecki parlamentaryzm XVI – XVIII wieku (2015);' 'Instytucje parlamentarne i samorządowe w przestrzeni miejskiej Polski i Litwy, XV – XVIII w. (2016);' 'Wartości republikańskie w praktyce: partycypacja obywatelska w czasach kryzysu (1648-1668)' (2017), among others . I had also published and edited a number of school books and teaching resources. Finally, I am also a member of the scientific committee of journals: *Edukacja (Education)*, *Biblioteka Epoki Nowożytnej (Early Modern Library Collection)*, *Muzealnictwo (Museology)*. Finally, I am a member of the International Commission for the History of Parliaments and Representative Institutions and the Polish Historical Society.

Moreover, between 2010 and 2015, I had worked for the Educational Research Institute (IBE) - a governmental educational think-tank and a research institute. I am Senior Advisor to the Ministry of Education and the Central Examination Board (CKE) and had a leading role in drafting the national curriculum reform, and was in charge of the history subject cluster, between 2007 and 2015. In 2006, I was nominated to the Advisory Council of Polish History Museum, and since then has actively taken part in assuring the realization of the Museum's public and scholarly missions. In addition, I am the Chair of Board of Kościuszko Foundation Poland. In recognition of my public engagement and achievements in the field of education, I was awarded Golden Cross of Merit (2010)—the second highest state order—and the Medal of Commission of National Education (2011).

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