

CURRICULUM VITAE

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■ Research Interests

Plato and Platonism, Esoteric Writing, History of Philosophy, Classical Reception, History of Concepts, Early Modern Poland, Polish Noble Republicanism, Political Theology, Body Politic

■ Education

2019 – 2023 PhD in Philosophy (*cum laude*)
Graduate School for Social Research,
Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences
Title of PhD thesis:
Jan Dymitr Solikowski's *Facies perturbatae et afflictiae Reipublicae*.
Edition, translation, interpretation

2020 – 2024 University of Wrocław – Faculty of Letters
M.A. in Classical Philology [completed in 2022, degree exp. in 2024]

2017 – 2019 Jagiellonian University in Cracow – Inter-Faculty Individual
Studies in the Humanities
M.A. in Philosophy [minor field: Classical Philology]

2014 – 2017 University of Warsaw – College of Inter-Faculty Studies in Humanities
B.A. in Philosophy [minor field: Classical Philology]

■ Publications

- Jan Dymitr Solikowski, *Facies perturbatae et afflictatae Reipublicae / Oblicze utrapionej i znękaney Rzeczypospolitej*, ed. and trans. J. Wolak, Warsaw 2024 [expected in December 2024].
- *Idea Rzeczypospolitej. Komentarz do Facies perturbatae et afflictatae Reipublicae Jana Dymitra Solikowskiego*, Fundacja Augusta hr. Cieszkowskiego, Warsaw 2024 [*Idea of Rzeczypospolita. A Commentary to Jan Dymitr Solikowski's Facies perturbatae et afflictatae Reipublicae*. Expected in December 2024].
- *Przymierze Polaków z Bogiem. Stanisław Orzechowski i Adam Mickiewicz w obliczu spustoszenia*, in: *Wiek XIX i nowoczesna forma polska*, ed. J. Pyda, P. Szcześniak, Warsaw 2024 [*The Covenant Between God and The Poles. Stanisław Orzechowski and Adam Mickiewicz in the Face of Desolation*].
- *Uścisk Lawrence'a*, in: D.H. Lawrence, *Miejsca Etrusków*, trans. J. Wolak, Warsaw 2023, p. 209-234 [*Lawrence's Grip*, an afterword to D.H. Lawrence's *Etruscan Places*].
- *Apokryficzna apokalipsa Rzeczypospolitej. Czyli jak Facies perturbatae et afflictatae Rei Publicae Jana Dymitra Solikowskiego przeistoczyła się w Apocalipsis Stanislai Orechovii* [*The Apocryphal Apocalypsis of the Republic. How Jan Dymitr Solikowski's Facies perturbatae et afflictatae Rei Publicae became Apocalipsis Stanislai Orechovii*], *Odrodzenie i Reformacja w Polsce* vol. 66, 2022, pp. 35-76.
<https://doi.org/10.12775/OiRwP.2022.02>
- *Krytyka źródeł przeciw krytyce krytyki. Karol Marks i jego profesor teologii biblijnej* [*Source Critique against the Criticism of Critique. Karl Marx and His Professor of Biblical Theology*]. *Kronos. Metafizyka, Kultura, Religia* 3(62)/2022, pp. 270-279.
- *Uziemienie. Filozoficzne marginalia do The Stack i O antropolizie Benjamina Brattona* [*The Earthing. Some Philosophical Marginalia to Benjamin Bratton's The Stack and On Anthropolysis*]. *Praktyka Teoretyczna* 3(41)/2021, pp. 169-190.
<https://doi.org/10.14746/prt.2021.3.9>
- *Nicestwienie istnień, istota Nicości. O niszczytelstwie metafizyki u Heideggera, Badiou i Platona* [*Nihilation of Existents and the Essence of Nihil: On the Nihilatory Force of Metaphysics in Heidegger, Badiou, and Plato*], in: *Nicość [Nothingness]*, Warsaw 2020, pp. 59-118. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4415290>

- *Gemma Platonica: On Heinrich Dörrie's Philological Platonism*. Kronos Philosophical Journal vol. VIII/2019, Fundacja Augusta Hr. Cieszkowskiego, Warsaw 2019, pp. 281-292.
<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3891425>
- *Prorok na ruinie [The Prophet upon the Ruin]*. Kronos. Metafizyka, Kultura, Religia 4(47)/2018, p. 282-296.
- *Albert Lautman, filozof i matematyk platoński z XX w. [Albert Lautman, a 20th Century Platonic Philosopher and Mathematician]*. Kronos. Metafizyka, Kultura, Religia 3(42)/2017, p. 303-312.
- *Upadek bytów rozumnych i stworzenie świata materialnego w „Περί Ἀρχῶν” Orygenes z Aleksandrii [The Fall of Rational Beings and the Creation of the Material World in „Περί Ἀρχῶν” by Origen of Alexandria]* in: ΣΧΟΛΗ 13: „Ziemia obiecana. Panta rhei – pamięć, czas i przemijanie w starożytności”, ed. Dominika Lewandowska, Hanna Rajfura, Warsaw 2017, p. 51-78.

■ Translations

- Jan Dymitr Solikowski, *Facies perturbatae et afflictatae Reipublicae / Oblicze utrapionej i znękaney Rzeczypospolitej*, wyd. i przeł. J. Wolak, Wydawnictwo IBL PAN, Warsaw 2024.
[Translation into Polish. Expected in December 2024]
- D.H. Lawrence, *Miejsca Etrusków*, Fundacja Augusta hr. Cieszkowskiego, Warsaw 2023.
[D.H. Lawrence, *Sketches of Etruscan Places*. Translation into Polish]
- Ludwig Feuerbach, *Dziwne wypowiedzi Lutera z komentarzami*, Kronos. Metafizyka, Kultura, Religia, 3(62)/2022, pp. 106-111. [Ludwig Feuerbach, *Merkwürdige Äußerungen Luthers nebst Glossen*. Translation into Polish]
- Jamblich, *O misteriach egipskich, ks. I*, Kronos. Metafizyka, Kultura, Religia, 2(57)/2021, pp. 16-48. [Jamblichus, *De mysteriis*, I. Translation into Polish. With Antoni Ładziński]
- John Dillon, *Przebóstwianie materii. Kilka uwag o Jamblichu i jego teurgicznym stosunku do materii*, Kronos. Metafizyka, Kultura, Religia, 2(57)/2021, pp. 86-96.
[John Dillon, *The Divinizing of Matter: Some Reflections on Jamblichus' Theurgic Approach to Matter*. Translation into Polish]

- Gregory Shaw, *Teurgia i świetliste ciało platonika*, Kronos. Metafizyka, Kultura, Religia, 2(57)/2021, pp. 97-118.
[Gregory Shaw, *Theurgy and the Platonist's Luminous Body*. Translation into Polish]
- Benjamin Bratton, *O antropolizmie*, Praktyka Teoretyczna 3(41)/2022, pp. 159-168.
[Benjamin Bratton, *On Anthropology*. Translation into Polish]
<https://doi.org/10.14746/prt.2021.3.8>

■ Funding

- 2021 –** *Idea Apocalyptica seu Apocalypsis Stanislai Orichovii. Edition, translation and interpretation of a Pseudo-Orichovian eschatologico-political apocrypha* – Principal Investigator
A grant from National Science Centre, Poland – 146 430 PLN

■ Scholarships and Participation in Projects

- 2022 – 2023** Joseph Conrad Fellowship – project:
Political prophetism and Polish modernity. From Orzechowski to Mickiewicz
- 2021 – 2022** Stypendium Cieszkowskiego (Cieszkowski Scholarship) – project:
The Myth of Rzeczpospolita. Polish Noble's Republicanism from the Perspective of Selected Theories of Myth
- 2017 – 2021** Fundacja Augusta hr. Cieszkowskiego – Scientific Collaborator
Classics of Polish Modernity - continuation
A grant from National Programme for the Development of Humanities
- 2017 – 2018** Universität Tübingen – Scholarship from GFPS e.V. Research project:
„Der nichtkausale Ursachenbegriff in die Kosmologie Platons”

■ Conference Presentations (International)

- 7th December 2023, Warsaw
Debates, uncertainties, multiple truths: Scholarly disagreement in early modern European education
Rivals in Theory, Allies in Practice. Stanisław Orzechowski and the Controversy between Jakub Górski and Benedykt Herbest over the Definition of Rhetorical Period (1561–66)

- 30th September 2023, Warsaw
The 24th International Conference on the History of Concepts
Beyond „classical republican tradition”. Polish nobles’ Rzeczpospolita and the early modern resemantization of res publica
- 22nd September 2023, Tallin
Representing Crisis in Early Modern Literatures
Sickness and Death of the Body Politic in the Old Polish Literature
- 6th September 2023, Edinburgh
International Society for Intellectual History Conference 2023
Jan Dymitr Solikowski’s Facies Perturbatae et Afflictae Reipublicae (1564): A Platonic Treatment of the Sick Body Politic in Early Modern Poland
- 9th June 2023, Prague
The Tenth Annual Meeting of Scientiae
The bulwark myth and the struggle of the orders in early modern Poland.
The use of Livy in the Political Self-Identification of the Polish Nobility
- 23-24th June 2022, Warsaw
History and Literature: Methods, Theories, Fields [EHESS & University of Warsaw]
Event and Myth. In Search of a Formalist Approach in Intellectual History
- 2nd April 2022, Dublin
Renaissance Society of America 68th Annual Meeting
Political Theology in the 1560s Poland: Stanisław Orzechowski’s Quincunx and Pseudo-Orichovian Apocalypse
- 25th March 2021, online [Stirling Maxwell Center, University of Glasgow]
The Emblem Underground, Postgraduate Edition
Quincunx Polonia and Typus Poloniae Regni. Analyzing Two 1564 Polish Emblems and Interpreting Stanislaus Orichovius’s Political Program
- 5th March 2019, Bologna
European Academy of Religion 2019
Aristotle’s Theology and Ancient Greek Religiosity

- 9th February 2018, Prague
GFPS-Forum 2018
Der nichtkausale Ursachenbegriff in die Kosmologie Platons
[Non-causal character of Platon's concept of αἰτία]
- 24th March 2017, Bratislava
Young Philosophy Graduate Conference 2017
Some Hermeneutical Remarks on "After Finitude" by Quentin Meillassoux
- 25th February 2017, Oxford
The Oxford University Byzantine Society's 19th International Graduate Conference
Distortion and Clarification. Vague aspects of Origen's cosmology in the Light of 6th Century "De Sectiis"

■ Workshops

- 7th-11th February 2024, Pontifical Theological Faculty in Wrocław, Societas Philologa Polonorum
Scholae Hiemales Wratislavienses (Living Latin Winter School)
- 23rd-26th February 2023, University of Wrocław, Societas Philologa Polonorum
Scholae Hiemales Wratislavienses (Living Latin Winter School)
- 19th-25th July 2021, Central European University, Summer University
Political Theology of the Early Church from the New Testament to Justinian [online]
with presentation:
Sacralizing the Nobles' Republic. Stanislaw Orzechowski's Quincunx, or the Forme of the Polish Crowne (1564) and Pseudo-Orichovian Facies perturbatae et afflictatae Reipublicae
- 10th-14th May 2021, The Warburg Institute, School of Advanced Study, University of London
Resources and Techniques for the Study of Renaissance and Early Modern Culture [online], with a short PhD project presentation
- 19th March 2021, The Warburg Institute, School of Advanced Study, University of London
Different perspectives on and approaches to Neo-Latin [online]

■ Editorial Work

- *Corpus Dionysiacum*, translated by Maria Dzielska, Warsaw 2021.
An edition of the complete works of Pseudo-Dionysus the Areopagite
- *Nicość [Nothingness]*, Warsaw 2020.
A collection of texts about Nothing. Leader of the editorial team
- *Archiwum Historii Filozofii i Myśli Społecznej [Archive of the History of Philosophy and Social Thought]*
Editorial secretary since 2024
- *Rocznik Historii Filozofii Polskiej [The Yearbook for the History of Polish Philosophy]*
Assistant editor since 2021
- *Kronos Philosophical Journal*
Assistant editor since 2019

■ Language Competency

- Polish (native)
- English (fluent)
- German (fluent)
- French (good)
- Italian (reading)
- Russian (reading, speaking – intermediate)
- Latin (reading)
- Greek (reading)