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Graduated in sociology at the University of Lodz in 2004, then completed PhD studies at the Institute of Sociology of the same university, and defended the PhD dissertation in September 2009. Master thesis concerning body as a value in contemporary Polish popular culture was twice awarded: Jan Lutyński Name Award for the Best Master Thesis in 2004 and later by the Polish Sociological Association (Florian Znaniecki Name Award for the Best Master Thesis in Empirical Sociology in Poland in 2005). Doctoral dissertation "The Marketization of the System of Education in Poland - from the Critical Discourse Analysis Perspective", prepared under the supervision of Professor Andrzej Piotrowski, was recently published (in 2011). The book uncovers - thanks to the use of critical discourse analysis - important hidden changes in the Polish system of higher education.

Started work as assistant professor at the Institute of Sociology of the University of Lodz in 2009 and at the same time completed a one-year internship at the Institute of Integral Gestalt Psychotherapy in Krakow, and started a three-year Professional Training Programme at the same Institute. The scientific background is thus academic (sociology) and professional (psychotherapy). The field of scientific interest is sociology of culture and sociology of knowledge, discourse analysis, intercultural communication; main research questions concern reproduction of symbolic order and the role of self and subjectivity in late capitalism.