

## REGISTRATION FORM FOR POLISH SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTION

**1. Research institution data** (name and address):

Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Nowy Świat 72, 00-330 Warszawa, [www.ifispan.pl](http://www.ifispan.pl)

**2. Type of research institution** (select one from the 7 listed options):

2) research unit of the Polish Academy of Sciences

**3. Head of the institution:** Prof. Dr. Andrzej Rychard

**4. Contact information of designated person(s) for applicants and NCN** (first and last name, position, e-mail address, phone number, correspondence address):

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**5. Research discipline in which the strong international position of the institution ensures establishing a Dioscuri Centre** (select one from the 25 listed disciplines):

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences:

X Fundamental questions of human existence and the nature of reality

**6. Description of important research achievements from the selected discipline from the last 5 years including a list of the most important publications, patents, other (up to one page in A4 format):**

“Fundamental questions of human existence and the nature of reality” is a topic addressed by four members of the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences, both as individuals and working within teams. More specifically, research has been conducted in methodology of cognitive science, history of metaphysics, studies on contemporary German philosophy and studies on psychoanalysis and its implications

Professor Marcin Miłkowski, has developed an original account of computational explanation, in particular as used in cognitive science, which has resulted in a book published in 2013 by MIT Press. He subsequently received an award from the National Science Centre (NCN) in 2014, and the IACP’s Herbert Simon Award in 2016. Miłkowski has also worked on the theory of representational mechanisms and on the history of ideas in psychology. With his team, appointed thanks to a grant awarded by the NCN, he is now working on the account of theoretical unification in cognitive (neuro)science.

Professor Seweryn Blandzi has contributed to history of metaphysics and ontology. His achievements include further development of the understanding of principles of Plato’s and Aristotle’s proto-philosophy. He serves as Editor-in-Chief of the Archive of the History of Philosophy and Social Thought – a journal established by Leszek Kołakowski. He is also President of Polish Society for Systematic Philosophy.

Dr. Daniel R. Sobota has contributed to studies on contemporary German philosophy with particular emphasis on Martin Heidegger and various aspects of phenomenology and hermeneutics. He has published an innovatory two volume monograph on the sources of the Heideggerian problem of being. Recently he published a monograph on the birth of phenomenology with special emphasis on the role of Johannes Daubert.

Professor Pawel Dybel, a scholar supported and hosted by numerous institutions such as the Humboldt Stiftung, DAAD, DFG, the British Academy, the Kosciuszko Foundation and the Mellon Foundation, has contributed to the understanding of psychoanalysis and its reception. He has successfully embedded Freudian and Lacanian theories in various cultural contexts. Finally, in numerous writings Dybel argues that psychoanalysis delivers knowledge about human nature which goes beyond any exact or purely scientific explanation. He has been the Co-PI of various joint Polish-German Grants.

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**7. List of no more than 3 important research projects from the selected discipline awarded in national and international calls to the institution in the last 5 years (title, name of PI, source of funding, amount of funding):**

**1. Title:** *Cognitive Science in Search of Unity*

**Name of PI:** Marcin Miłkowski (IFiS PAN)

**Source of funding:** (Polish) National Science Centre

**Amount of funding:** 1 548 000 PLN

**Year of funding:** 2015

**Abstract:** The objective of the project is to develop an account of unification and integration in cognitive science, an interdisciplinary research field, in which methods, tools, and concepts from other disciplines are used.

**2. Title:** History of Polish psychoanalysis in the cultural, literary and political-social context (1900-2013)

**Name of PI:** Paweł Dybel (IFiS PAN)

**Source of funding:** Ministry of Science and Higher Education, National Program for the Development of the Humanities

**Amount of funding:** 900 000 PLN

**Year of funding:** 2014

**Abstract:** The research concerns the diverse influences of psychoanalysis on Polish culture and literature, and its function in various social milieux. The history of psychoanalysis in Poland is considered in the European and world-wide contexts, because many of the representatives of this trend, who created its foundations, later emigrated.

**3. Title:** At the Beginning of the Phenomenological Movement. The life and work of Johannes Daubert

**Name of PI:** Daniel R. Sobota (IFiS PAN)

**Source of funding:** (Polish) National Science Centre

**Amount of funding:** 214 000 PLN

**Year of funding:** 2015

**Abstract:** A research project on one of Husserl's most important students, who turned out to be the true initiator of the phenomenological movement. The study has been conducted on Daubert's autograph manuscripts.

## **8. Description of the available laboratory and office space for the Dioscuri Centre (up to one page in A4 format):**

The Institute of Philosophy and Sociology is located in the Staszic Palace, a historic building located in the heart of Warsaw. The location of the Staszic Palace facilitates participation in both the academic life and the cultural life of the city. The Institute is located close to the Institute's library as well as the library of the University of Warsaw. Since the whole Institute is located in the Staszic Palace, members of the Dioscuri Centre will have easy access to other scholars from the Institute. The Institute employs 90 scholars working on various topics in sociology, history, philosophy and cognitive science, and each year organizes a large number of seminars, lectures and workshops both in Poland and abroad.

The institute will provide the Dioscuri Centre with two large offices in the Staszic Palace: one for the leader of the project and one for the other members of his team and the stipend holders. Both offices will be equipped with an appropriate number of computers and printers. The computers will be connected to the network of the Institute. Members of the team will have access to the most important academic databases including JSTOR, VIRTUAL SCIENCE LIBRARY, EBSCO, Cambridge Journals, Oxford Journals, SAGE Journals, Scopus, Taylor & Francis Online, Web of Science, Wiley Online Library, as well as the bibliography of Polish Philosophy and the digital repository of scientific institutes (RCIN), along with the CEOOL and ERIC databases, and all the publications created both at IFiS and the Department of Philosophy of the University of Warsaw.

The Dioscuri Centre will also have access to the infrastructure of IFiS. This includes 5 seminar rooms, a library, and a large computer room with more than 20 computers equipped with programs for analysis of quantitative and qualitative data.

Besides benefiting from the infrastructure of IFiS PAN, the Dioscuri Centre will also benefit from the extended infrastructure of the Polish Academy of Sciences. This includes, among other things, access to PAN Science Centres located in Paris, Rome, Vienna, Moscow, and Kiev. Moreover, the Dioscuri Centre will benefit from the [Polish Institute of Advanced Studies](#) (PIASt located within PAN). PIASt enables renowned scholars in the social sciences and humanities from around the world to conduct cutting edge and interdisciplinary research. PIASt fellows, released from their usual teaching obligations and administrative activities for a period of 6-12 months, are able to pursue their projects in a multi-disciplinary and international community of scholars.

## **9. List of the available scientific equipment for Dioscuri Centre:**

IFiS PAN hosts the Archive of Quantitative Data and Archive of Qualitative Data, which contain large collections of Polish research. The Institute also has its own library with the largest catalogue in philosophy and sociology in Poland, and provides access to the catalogue of the University of Warsaw Library.

**10. List of the additional benefits that the Institution declares to provide for Dioscuri Centre** (i.e.: additional funds, personal benefits, other) (up to one in page A4 format):

The Institute will contribute 25000 Euro annually to the costs of the Centre, and in addition will provide administrative and accounting services. Just like Polish employees, employees of the Centre will be covered by social insurance, including health insurance. This insurance includes the possibility of benefiting from basic health services including hospital treatment anywhere in the EU. In accordance with Polish labour law their remuneration will include a premium for length of service amounting to between 3% and 20% of basic salary, increasing by 1% annually.

Employment in Poland as in other EU member states and in countries bound by international social security agreements (USA, Canada, Australia) will be counted towards retirement pensions to be paid according to the regulations of the pensions system in the given country. Poland has also signed agreements with many countries about avoidance of double taxation. In accordance with Polish law, employees of the Centre will be entitled to 36 days annual leave.

Employees of the Centre will also be entitled to benefit from the workplace social fund of the Institute, covering, among other things, partial reimbursement of holiday costs and also low interest loans toward the cost of purchase of accommodation (1-5% depending on the repayment period).

The Institute also offers assistance to the director of the Centre with respect to other matters concerned with moving to Poland and living in Warsaw: with finding academic employment for partners, appropriate schools for any children, access to language courses etc.

**11. Other information about the internationalisation of the research institution, international researchers employed at the institution, the availability of English language seminars etc. (up to one page in A4 format):**

The Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences ([IFiS PAN](#)) is one of the leading and most international research institutes in Poland, one of the few to receive the highest A+ category of “academic excellence” from the Polish government. Since 1992 IFiS has hosted the [Graduate School for Social Research \(GSSR\)](#). GSSR provides graduate and postgraduate education. The School offers the possibility of obtaining a British Master of Arts degree from Lancaster University, as well as a doctorate from IFiS PAN. Lectures and seminars are all held in English by top Polish social scientists, as well as 8 professors from abroad (including UK, USA, and Australia). There are currently 58 doctoral students; more than 35 % of whom are foreigners, the majority coming from other countries in Central and Eastern Europe. The School has previously acted as the sociology department of the Central European University. The School was twice awarded the *Hannah Arendt Prize*, established by the Körber Foundation.

The Graduate School is involved in a number of international projects including the “[Graduate SPIRIT Project](#)” funded by the EU Erasmus+ program. The project is coordinated by Erasmus University Rotterdam and involves nine academic institutions from different countries, including two from Germany (Heidelberg University and Leipzig University). The Institute’s Graduate School is also a partner in the a.r.t.e.s. Eumanities Horizon 2020: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Cofund program of the a.r.t.e.s. Graduate School for the Humanities Cologne.

The Institute participates in the following international research projects:

*Current Challenges in Contemporary Phenomenological Research of Subjectivity*: IFiS (prof. W. Starzyński) in collaboration with the Institute of Philosophy, Slovak Academy of Sciences (dr R. Karul). The goal of the collaboration of the Slovak and Polish teams is to connect individual scholarly projects in the fields of phenomenology, political philosophy, history of philosophy and social theory.

*EthAn: Ethos Analytics*. The main aim of the EthAn project is to understand the communicative structures of ethos related to a speaker's character. The project is funded by the HARMONIA 7 program of the Polish National Science Centre (NCN). Principal investigator is prof. Katarzyna Budzyńska, a member of IFiS PAN. Consortium partners are Chris Reed (Dundee, Scotland), Patrick Saint-Dizier (Toulouse IRIT, France), Manfred Stede (Potsdam, Germany)

A research and publication project to issue an international logic journal (JCR list) *Studia Logica* published by Axel Springer. Besides publication of the journal the editors led by Jacek Malinowski undertake to promote internationally both the journal and research in logic by initiating new research topics resulting in special editions of the journal and organization of international conferences in the series *Trends in Logic*.

IFiS publishes, or is the joint publisher of six philosophical journals: *Archiwum Historii Filozofii i Myśli Społecznej* (ERIC), *Studia Antyczne i Mediewistyczne*, *Filozofia i Nauka*, *The Interlocutor*, *Dialogue and Universalism* and *Studia Logica* (co-published with Axel Springer, JCR list). The last two of these have an international audience, and all six journals also publish articles in foreign languages.

IFiS has a vibrant intellectual community. Each year the institute hosts a large number of international seminars, conferences and summer schools on various topics in sociology, history of philosophy, history of ideas, philosophy and cognitive science, as well as workshops in both qualitative and quantitative methods.

