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INTERESTS

gender & science problem
contemporary feminist philosophy of science
contemporary philosophy of language

EDUCATION

2005, PhD
Wittgenstein's category of use in the contemporary theories of meaning
1999, MA in philosophy
1998, MA in Polish philology

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Books (published in polish):

Revealing the mystery of meaning. Essays in philosophy of language, Toruń: Toruń University Press 2011

Women in/of science. Gender problem in contemporary philosophy of science and research practice, Warsaw: Scholar Press 2013.

Articles (only in English and German)

- *Wittgenstein's category of use as a starting point for the theory of language*, "Cognitive Science and Media in Education", 1/2010, 139-150.

- *Explicit and Implicit Assumptions in Noam Chomsky's Theory of Language*, "Forum Philosophicum" tom. 13, 1/2008, 83-101.
- *The Non-dualizing Way of Speaking and the Female Subjectivity Problem*, "Constructivist Foundations", special issue: Non-dualizing Philosophy of Josef Mitterer, (eds), A. Riegler S. Weber, July 2008, 208-214.

Chapters in books (only in English or German):

- *Why has the queen of bees been the king for so long? A few reflections on gender problem in science*, in: *Ethics, Society, Politics. Proceedings of the 35th International Wittgenstein Symposium*, Ed. by Greif, Hajo / Weiss, Martin Gerhard, de Gruyter Verlag 2012.
- *Nicht-dualisierende Redeweise und weibliche Subjektivität*, w: Alexander Riegler and Stefan Weber (hg.), *Die Dritte Philosophie. Kritische Beiträge zu Josef Mitterers Non-Dualismus*, Weilerswist: Velbrück Wissenschaft 2010, 215-227.
- *How the Category of Embodiment Transforms the Problems of Philosophy of Language: The Case of Understanding*, w: *Language and World. Part Two. Signs, Minds and Actions*, ed. Volker Munz, Klaus Puhl, Joseph Wang, Frankfurt, Lancaster:ontos verlag 2010, 235-245.
- *Lebensform as a Wittgensteinian way of understanding culture. Theoretical perspectives for the (intercultural) dialogue*, in: Christian Kanzian, Edmund Runggaldier (eds.), *Cultures. Conflict-Analysis-Dialogue*, Kirchberg, Austria 2007, 33-43.
- *The Wittgensteinian idea of analysis as a base for constructive contemporary scepticism*, w: Johann Ch. Marek, Maria E. Reicher (red.), *Experience and Analysis*, Kirchberg am Wechsel 2004, 98-100.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

from 2013 visiting research fellow at Centre for Gender and Women's Studies

Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland

from 2005 lecturer in the Institute of Philosophy Nicolaus Copernicus University,

Toruń, Poland

2011 visiting fellow, *Centre for Humanities* Utrecht University, Holland

2005- 2006 visiting fellow, Centre for Logic and Analytic Philosophy,

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium

1999-2005 junior member of teaching and research staff in the Institute of

Philosophy Nicolaus Copernicus University, Toruń, Poland

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

2012, XXXV International Wittgenstein Symposium, Kirchberg, Austria, paper: Why has the queen of bees been the king for so long? Gender problem in science.

2011, Colloquium Philosophicum, Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule (ETH), Zürich, paper: The material(istic) turn in philosophical approaches to science and language

2010, 'Practicing science and technology, performing the social', European Association for the Study of Science and Technology (EASST), Trento, Italy, paper: Women as a concealed factor. Epistemological entanglement of the medical phenomenon of anorexia.

2009, 'Ways to protolanguage: the initial stages of the evolution of the language faculty', Toruń, Poland, paper: Language as a notion philosophically problematic. The case of N. Chomsky's theory.

2009, XXII International Wittgenstein Symposium, Kirchberg, Austria, paper: How the category of embodiment transforms the problems of philosophy of the language. The case of understanding.

2008, 'Dimensions of Knowledge', Rostock, Germany, paper: The naturalistic approach to language and its epistemological consequence

2008, 'Knowledge and culture', Rostock, Germany, paper: Embodiment and experience as new dimensions in the philosophical debates about language.

2007, 'Tyranny of the moment', the conference devoted to T.H. Eriksen's thought, Toruń, Poland, paper: *Female subjectivity problem. In the context of the tyranny of the moment.*

2007, XXX International Wittgenstein Symposium, Kirchberg, Austria, paper: Philosophy at the crossroads. Is it possible to love wisdom in the information age?

2006, 'Embodied and Situated Cognition: from Phenomenology to Neuroscience and Artificial Intelligence', Toruń, Poland, paper: *Is the integration between the philosophical perspective and the scientific views possible?*

2006, XXIX International Wittgenstein Symposium, Kirchberg, Austria, paper: Lebensform as a Wittgensteinian Way of Understanding Culture – Theoretical Perspectives for the (Intercultural) Dialogue.

2006, The conference devoted to the condition of analytic philosophy, Amsterdam, Netherlands, paper: *Wittgenstein's category of use as a starting point for the theory of language.*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

/selected courses/

Lecture: Feminism. Basic Ideas, Currents and Controversies

Lecture: Mechanisms of Knowledge Production in the Contemporary World

Lecture: Contemporary Anglo-Saxon Philosophy

Seminar: Contemporary Problems of Language Acquisition

Seminar: Feminist Theories of Subjectivity

Seminar: Philosophy of Language

Workshop 'Science and Media'

Workshop in Translation (from English to Polish) for philosophy students and cognitive science students