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Faculty of Social Sciences

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2. MISSION:

The Faculty of Social Sciences, established in 1975, consists of four organizational units: Institute of Cultural Studies, Institute of Philosophy, Institute of Psychology and Cognitive Studies, Institute of Sociology and Chair of the Study of Religion and Comparative Research. The Faculty is located in four buildings on the Szamarzewo Campus. With its 5900 students, and over 200 academic teachers, the Faculty offers undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate and doctoral programmes in cognitive sciences, cultural studies, philosophy, psychology and sociology. The Faculty of Social Sciences awards professional titles (BA, MA) and academic degrees and titles (PhD, Professor).

The Faculty employs highly qualified researchers. The major fields of study are applied psychology (educational, clinical), psychometrics, statistical methods in psychology and education, psychological diagnosis, work and organizational psychology, environmental psychology, psychology of socialization from the life-span perspective, cognitive science, methodology of psychological and educational research, history of philosophy, social and political philosophy, theory and philosophy of communication, philosophy of science, history and methodology of cultural sciences, cultural participation, studies on contemporary culture, studies on economic culture, film and audiovisual studies, rationality in religion and philosophy, rationality of social life, philosophy of religion, general study of religion, sociological theory of culture and civilization, sociology of health and medicine, sociology of things, visual sociology, sociology of family, sociology of youth, sociology of religion, sociology of everyday life, social inequalities, sociology of travel and tourism, qualitative methods in social science, multiculturalism, urban sociology, economic sociology and others.

All the institutes of the Faculty of Social Sciences co-operate with 60 universities in Europe. Each year many students of the faculty have the opportunity to spend a semester or two studying in other European countries within the framework of the Erasmus Programme.

3. INSTITUTES AND DEPARTMENTS:

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4. STATISTICS:

The Faculty of History is one of the fourteen faculties of Adam Mickiewicz University (Student enrolment in the academic year 2010-2011):

Institute of Culture Studies: 394
Institute of Philosophy: 475
Institute of Psychology: 499
Institute of Sociology: 449
Ph.D. candidates: 29

Academic staff: 211
Full professors (ordinarius): 27
Professors and tenured doctors (doctor habilitatus): 49
Doctors: 135

5. STATISTICS:

BA Full Time Study Programs:

Culture Studies
Philosophy

Major fields of study:

Public Life
Social Communication
Philosophy
Ethics
Sociology
Social Work

MA Full Time Study Programs:

Culture Studies
Philosophy

Major fields of study:

Public Life
Social Communication
Philosophy
Ethics
Psychology
Cognitive Studies
Sociology

BA Extramural Study Programs:

Culture Studies
Philosophy

Major fields of study:

Public Life
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MA Extramural Study Programs:

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Ethics
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Psychology

6. MAJOR RESEARCH FIELDS:

INSTITUTE OF CULTURAL STUDIES

Historical and methodological approach to culture studies. Analysis of various theoretical proposals in culture oriented disciplines like anthropology, philosophy, and sociology. Implementing particular methods to reveal the cognitive and normative assumptions of such proposals.

Culture as an object of research. Reflection on a distinction between constructivism and essentialism. Discussion of possible threats to the very possibility of distinguishing this object of research.

Cross-cultural communication and contact. Taking human interaction as a culturally defined process taking place in various domains, e.g. education. Pragmatic perspective of one's dealing with a stranger in a multicultural/global environment.

Heritage of Jerzy Kmita's socio-regulative concept of culture. Analysis of various notions and or/relations involved in this project. Searching for possible implementations in theory and practice.

INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY

Philosophy and methodology of natural science
Idealization in science
Rationality
Theory of communication
The role of procedures of interpretation and modelling in science and philosophy
Mathematical logic
The realism-antirealism controversy
The role of non-casual (functional, genetic, subjective-rational) kinds of determination in development of science
Problems of the theory-experiment relation
Postmodern concept of knowledge
History of philosophy
The functioning of culture in various societies
The contemporary German philosophy

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHOLOGY

Research methods in psychology, methodological, social and ethical context of scientific research.

Regulating functions of various personality categories as well as personality development and diagnosis. Over the last few years, we have undertaken a range of research regarding personality factors as predictors of conduct disorder and relational/emotional mechanisms of personality development, especially the bodily self. Currently, the research focuses on such crucial and topical issues in psychological studies as adaptation functions of formal characteristics of self and identity structure. Two instruments of personality diagnosis are being devised and Tomkins' shame concept is examined to determine its role in personality development.

Developmental psychology, psychology of lifelong education, health psychology, developmental neuropsychology and clinical psychology of children and youth. Theoretical and empirical studies undertaken by the team especially apply to the particular questions given below: disability as a factor of social exclusion risk; the process of self-organizing and self-support in local environments and its determinants; efficiency of socialization in different educational environments and the role of early educational intervention; the role of socialization style in childhood for activity of adults; physical, social and psychical determinants of learning.

Testing the assumptions of salutogenetic and pathogenetic model: research into health resources as well as risk factors of mental disorders. The following problems are also studied: prevention of civilization diseases, psychotherapy, ProHealth intervention methods, therapeutic techniques.

Organizational behaviour; work attitude, psychological contract, management of organization, career development, woman and work, organizational culture

Psychology of cognitive processes (mechanisms of consciousness, mechanisms of defence against distraction, thinking and problem solving, development of child's 'theory of mind', the emotion-cognition relationship)

Diagnosing process and methods (mechanisms taking place during examination, diagnostic decision making processes and psycho diagnostic skills, content analysis, narration and self narration, utilization of computers in diagnostic procedure, individual differences, methodology of qualitative research).

Development of adults and interpersonal communication in family, developmental changes in adolescence and adult life and functioning of couples in close intimate relations, problems of development and communication in adolescence, problems of functioning and development in families with mentally handicapped children, singlehood and its conditioning.

Interpersonal communication and psycholinguistics.

INSTITUTE OF SOCIOLOGY

Sociology of work and economic system
Sociology of culture and civilisation
Public sphere, civil society
Visual and material culture
Sociology of family
Sociology of youth
Social work and social intervention
Sociology of city, urban sociology
Social stratification and inequalities
Sociology of ethnicity and nation
Sociology of health
History of social thought
Contemporary social theories
Sociology of migrations and multiculturalism

CHAIR OF THE STUDY OF RELIGION AND COMPARATIVE RESEARCH

Research interests of members of the Department cover the following areas:

Philosophy of religion (particularly Christian religion)
General study of religion
Modern philosophy
Rationality in religion and philosophy; rationality of social life
Sects, cults and new religious movements
History of gnosis, Gnosticism, neognosis (theosophy, anthroposophy)
Relations between literature and philosophy, literature and gnosis
Christian mysticism
Russian philosophy and literature
Problems of religious language
Cognitive theories of religion

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