

General Information

Main scientific interests

- sociology of territorial collectivities
 - . the structure of and change in territorial collectivities on different spatial scales
 - . territorial identity
 - . questions of place and homeland
 - . globalisation
 - . globality and locality
 - . social geography
- sociology of space and region
 - . urban sociology
 - . theory of space and region
 - . ecological urban structure
 - . social space and its perception
 - . virtual space
- sociology of nation, language and religion
 - . theory of nation
 - . questions of language
 - . borders and borderlands
 - . frontiers and colonisation
- social integration
 - . inclusion, exclusion and ghetto
 - . spatial barriers
- sociology of culture
 - . social and cultural capital
 - . sociology of ordinariness
 - . gender
- sociology of knowledge and science
 - . methodology of social sciences
- sociology of politics and media
 - . electoral geography
 - . political marketing
 - . language of the media
- geopolitics and political geography
 - . state, reason of state, national interests
 - . core and periphery
 - . political space and geopolitical *code d'honneur*

Hobby

- Was lucky enough to realise most of my passions at work, which sometimes was even somewhat paid for

Life device

- Require much – more of good friends than of others, the most of myself

(Almost) own maxims

- If you don't know how to behave, do decently just in case

- Every teacher perfectly knows that unintended – and the more so intended – usurpation of somebody else’s ideas is the most sincere form of praise
- The majority is hardly ever right
- Empty barrels emit the loudest sounds
- The sum of zeros makes a dangerous number
- No knowledge acquainted in the world means anything in relation to the parental word, glance, and gesture
- Laws of sociology are not ones of the functioning of society but ones of sociology

Favourite aphorisms

- *Dubito, ergo cogito*
Descartes
- Disobedience of thought is the scholar’s duty
Stanisław Ossowski
- Do not fear to be eccentric in opinion, for every opinion now accepted was once eccentric
Bertrand Russel
- An intension to credit our today’s opinions with any absolute valour would be absurd
Friedrich Engels
- Common sense is a collection of prejudices that was instilled before the 16th year of age
Albert Einstein
- Truth should not be confused with the opinion of the majority
Jean Cocteau
- Don’t afraid to go against the tide
John Paul II
- To be free is to be able not to lie
Albert Camus
- *Non omne licitum honestum*
- There is no freedom without [...] responsibility
John Paul II
- Rich is one who gives much rather than possesses much
Erich Fromm
- The one who was not a socialist in his young days, will certainly be a rascal in his old age
Raymond Poincaré
- I was always able to differentiate the greatness of Marx’s own work from vulgarisation of his always deep thoughts
Józef Piłsudski
- The master who has knowledge writes it in student’s soul
Socrates
- A noble man learns to be better; for a dishonourable man studies are a commodity – like poultry and cattle
Mencius
- Not everything that is inunderstandable is dull
Bertrand Russel
- It is a misconception to think that only the newest is good
Jerzy Szacki
- Arguments should be weighted rather than counted
Cicero
- If you use improper words, you can never come to proper conclusions
Confucius
- Plato is dear to me but the truth is even more so
Aristotle

- No logical definition will teach what the truth is
Descartes
- Imagination is more important than knowledge
Albert Einstein
- Look at the stars, not the feet
Stephen Hawking
- Not to know history is to be a permanent child
Cicero
- The most important is invisible for eyes
Antoine de Saint-Exupéry
- Most people would die sooner than think – in fact they do so
Bertrand Russell
- People stop to think if they stop to read
Denis Diderot
- It is sad that fools are so sure of themselves and wise people so full of doubts
Bertrand Russell
- Don't you ever let ignoramus to assess others
Fokilides
- Great minds are always violently attacked by mediocrity who can hardly comprehend that someone could refuse to blindly uphold prevailing prejudices, opting for bold and fair preaching their views instead
Albert Einstein
- The higher we soar, the smaller we seem to those who can not fly
Friedrich Nietzsche
- A noble requires from himself, a simpleton from others
Confucius
- The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is a virtue of the strong
Mahatma Gandhi
- The summit can be accessed, but all roads lead from the top down
Stanisław Lem
- Experience is the name that everyone gives to his mistakes
Oscar Wilde
- The hen has wings like an eagle but so what?
Aleksander Fredro
- Imagine the silence if people would just say what they know
Karel Čapek
- There is no such bosh, in which people would not be able to believe
Stanisław Lem
- Only two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity, but I am not sure about the former
Albert Einstein
- I have never met a man completely sure of himself. Of course, except for the complete idiot
Carl Gustav Jung
- You are initially ignored, then laughed at, later fought against, and finally you win
Mahatma Gandhi
- There is a more terrible weapon than a slander; that is the truth
Charles-Maurice de Talleyrand-Périgord