

# WOJCIECH BEDYŃSKI

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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. in History, University of Rzeszów (2011)  
M.A. in History, Sorbonne University Paris-IV (2007)  
M.A. in Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Warsaw (2007)  
Ancien Pensionnaire Etranger de l'École Normale Supérieure of Paris-Ulm (2007)

## EMPLOYMENT

6/2017–09/2024      Assistant Professor (*adiunkt*) at the University of Warsaw, Centre of Migration Research  
09/2013–06/2014      Project manager assistant at the University of Warsaw, Centre for Mathematical and Computational Modelling  
09/2011–09/2013      Lecturer at the State Higher School of Technology and Economics in Jarosław  
since 10/2011          CEO, Foundation for Landscape Protection and Promotion of Regions “NUMINOSUM”, Warsaw  
02/2008–09/2010      Researcher (*badacz*) at the University of Warsaw, Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology

## EXTERNAL POSITIONS

since 02/2026          Bielefeld University (Visiting Researcher)  
05–05/2018            Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Visiting Researcher)  
02/2010–09/2010      University of Banská Bystrica, Slovakia (Visiting Lecturer)  
09/2008–12/2009      Durham University, UK (Exchange PhD Student)  
02/2008–06/2008      Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris (Visiting PhD Student)  
09/2006–09/2007      Ecole normale supérieure, rue d'Ulm, Paris

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

native                    Polish  
other languages        English, French (fluent)  
                                 Spanish, Italian, Ukrainian (good working knowledge)  
                                 German, Latin, Old Irish (reading)

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Cultural Anthropology, in particular:

East Central Europe in 20<sup>th</sup> Century and Polish-Jewish relations

European History and Historiography, in particular:

Ireland, Great Britain and Scandinavia in the Middle Ages

Cultural Landscape

Migration Studies

Memory Studies

## RESEARCH GRANTS

2019	International Visegrad Fund Strategic Grant	49,565 €
2018	Erasmus research and teaching mobility grant	1,800 €
2011	International Visegrad Fund Strategic Grant	29,000 €
2010	International Visegrad Fund Standard Grant	10,000 €
2008	Rothschild Foundation (Hanadiv) Europe research grant	2,400 €

## SCHOLARSHIPS

as post-doc	Socrates Erasmus research and teaching scholarship (teaching mobility) in Jerusalem (May 2018)
for Ph.D. studies	Scholarship of the Slovak government (02–09/2010) Scholarship of the French government (02–06/2008) University of Durham, UK, Erasmus (09/2008–12/2009) Scholarship of the Polish Government (09/2008–05/2011)
for M.A. studies	Polish Science Foundation research scholarship (4/2007) Collegium Invisibile scholarship (09/2004–05/2011) 1 <sup>st</sup> prize for BA dissertation, Foundation “Tolerance” (11/2006) Warsaw University scholarship (09/2004–09/2006)

## PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH PROJECTS

2019-2022	The impact of Brexit on migration from the V4 countries – migrant strategies (IVF Strategic Grant no. 21910049)
2017–2021	Territorial and social mobility in the biographical and generational experience of the inhabitants of a small town – an analysis based on the example of Giżycko (OPUS 11, Polish Science Centre, post-doc)
2011–2013	title of the project (co-leader and researcher)
2010–2011	The well, the tree and the stone. Sacred places in the cultural space of Central-Eastern Europe (co-leader and researcher)
2007	Memory of the Podkarpathian Shtetl (researcher)

## ACADEMIC TEACHING

- University of Warsaw ("Multicultural Podkarpacie" laboratory group, fieldwork with students in Poland and Ukraine)
- SWPS University (seminar: "Ethnography of Europe")
- University of Rzeszów (seminar: "Culture of Medieval Europe", lecture: "Religions of pre-Christian Europe")
- University of Banská Bystrica (seminars: "Roots of European Culture", "Culture of Western Slavs")
- State Higher School of Technology and Economics in Jarosław (seminars: "Intercultural communication", "Cultural landscape in tourism", lecture: "History of European integration")
- POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews (lectures on Polish history)
- University of Durham (Ustinov College Seminar, seminar "History of Polish-Jewish relations")
- Hebrew University of Jerusalem (lecture: "Poles, Jews, Ukrainians – the memory of living together in pre-war small towns of Eastern Galicia")

## PEER REVIEWER

Urban Affairs Review (SAGE)

## MEMBERSHIP

International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture (ISSRNC)  
Collegium Invisibile (CI)

## ACTIVITIES BEYOND ACADEMIA

since 2011	founder and President of the Foundation for Landscape Protection and Promotion of Regions “NUMINOSUM”
since 2012	director of the Club Numinosum (currently Chata Numinosum), small bottom-up cultural centre in Warsaw: <a href="http://chata.numinosum.pl/">http://chata.numinosum.pl/</a> ; <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ChataNuminosum">https://www.facebook.com/ChataNuminosum</a>
since 2014	main organizer of the Numinosum Festival, a yearly held European traditional dances event in Kampinos: <a href="http://festival.numinosum.pl/">http://festival.numinosum.pl/</a> ; <a href="https://www.facebook.com/NuminosumFestival">https://www.facebook.com/NuminosumFestival</a> organizer or co-organizer of multiple events and projects in cultural landscape and traditional culture, particularly music, singing and dance: Akademia Muzyków Wędrownych, Nauka w Chacie, muzykatradycyjna.pl, Dziady w Chacie.



## List of Academic Publications

### Monographs

1. **Bedyński, Wojciech.** 2014. *Magh nEo na Sachsan. An Anglo-Saxon Monastery in Ireland.* Kraków: Tyniec.
  2. **Łukowski, Wojciech, Wojciech Bedyński, and Justyna Godz.** 2023. *Małe miasto w wielkim świecie. O społecznych praktykach mobilności.* Warsaw: Wydawnictwo Naukowe Scholar.**Bedyński, Wojciech**
  3. **Bedyński, Wojciech, Kornelia Kończal.** (in process). *Ruiny, legendy i kicz. Komodyfikacja dziedzictwa III Rzeszy w Polsce.*
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### Edited Volumes

1. **Bedyński, Wojciech, and Remigiusz Mazur-Hanaj (eds.).** 2011. *The Tree, the Well and the Stone: Sacred Places in the Cultural Space of Central and Eastern Europe.* Warsaw: In Crudo.
  2. **Bedyński, Wojciech, and István Povedák (eds.).** 2014. *Landscape as a Factor in Creating Identity.* Jarosław: PWSTE.
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### Book Chapters

1. **Bedyński, Wojciech.** 2009. 'The Christianization of Northumbria and Saints Wilfrid and Cuthbert'. In *Between Paganism and Christianity in the North*, edited by L. P. Słupecki and J. Morawiec, 179–189. Rzeszów: University of Rzeszów Press.
2. **Bedyński, Wojciech.** 2011. 'Podkarpathian Shtetl'. In *Integrating Minorities: Traditional Communities and Modernization*, edited by L. Peti and A. Barszczewska, 57–101. Cluj-Napoca.
3. **Bedyński, Wojciech.** 2012. 'The Motif of the Human Head in Celtic Art and Literature'. In *The Motif of the Head in Comparative Perspective*, edited by L. Gardela and K. Kajkowski, 34–42. Bytów.
4. **Bedyński, Wojciech.** 2020. 'Holy Wells and Trees in Poland as an Element of Local and National Identity'. In *Sacred Waters: A Cross-Cultural Compendium of Hallowed Springs and Holy Wells*, edited by Celeste Ray, 309–318. London–New York: Routledge.
5. **Bedyński, Wojciech.** 2020. 'Tranzycja krajobrazu kulturowego'. In *Krajobrazy Pamięci* by Bożena Pactwa and Marek Dziewierski. Katowice: University of Silesia Press.
6. **Bedyński, Wojciech, Ágnes Eröss, Katalin Kovály, Petra Strnáďová, Jana Pecníková, and Karel Čada.** 2026 (forthcoming). 'Mobility in the Age of Brexit: Life Strategies of Migrants from the V4'. In *Handbook of Brexit and Migration*, edited by Chris Moreh, Emilia Pietka-Nykaza, and Derek McGhee. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing.

## Journal Articles

1. **Bedyński, Wojciech.** 2011. 'The Region of Podkarpacie as a Melting Pot of Cultures and Religions'. *Acta Ethnographica Hungarica* 56(1): 107–115.
2. **Bedyński, Wojciech.** 2019. 'Liminalność krajobrazu kulturowego'. *Politeja* 16(1/58): 31–49.
3. **Bedyński, Wojciech.** 2020. 'Liminality: Black Death 700 Years Later. What Lessons Can Be Learned from the Medieval Pandemic?' *Society Register* 4(3): 129–144.
4. **Bedyński, Wojciech, Jana Pecniková, Petra Strnáďová, Karel Čada, Ágnes Erőss, and Katalin Kovály.** 2023. 'The Impact of Brexit on Migration from the V4 Countries to the UK: Migrant Strategies. Report from Qualitative Research 2019–2023'. *CMR Working Papers* 133(191).
5. **Bedyński, Wojciech.** 2023. 'Changing Cultural Landscapes: The Case of Post-German Territories in Poland'. *European Review* 30(S1): 86–93.
6. **Bedyński, Wojciech.** 2024. 'Between the Assumed Ends and the Required Means: How Did Brexit Impact the Life Strategies of Poles in the UK?' *Central and Eastern European Migration Review* 13(2): 143–160.