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I am currently a Lecturer at the UCL Social Research Institute where I teach on the highly competitive Bachelor's and Master's programmes in the Social Sciences, with particular focus on Sociology and Politics (since 2018). I am also a Research Associate at LSE IDEAS (LSE's foreign policy think-tank) engaged on the Visions of Europe study that maps, tracks, and monitors developments in European civil society in order to inform the EU's Conference on the Future of Europe (since 2019). I have also been working as a freelance researcher for a number of think-tanks studying migration and the impact of Brexit in the UK (since 2013). Prior to that, I was employed as a Communications Manager and Research Officer at the LSE European Institute (2015-2021) implementing their Programme on Brexit, and a Project Manager at a marketing agency delivering sustainable energy solutions. I have also taught on several Social Sciences, Politics, and International Relations courses at LSE as a Guest Teacher between 2011 and 2018. I was enrolled in a PhD programme at LSE between 2010 and 2015. I would particularly highlight 4 key areas from my professional background:

Expertise: my knowledge of national and supranational politics and global policy developments; sociological literature and research methods in the social sciences; environmental and social governance

Capability: my track-record of rigorous academic and evidence-based policy and advocacy research; university-level teaching; copy-editing; delivery of strategies; supervision and motivation of research assistants; speeches at international conferences and panels; media appearances; marketing

Network: my extensive professional network encompassing decisionmakers, policymakers, non-governmental organisations, journalists, and academic stakeholders across Europe and the US

Global outlook: my tertiary schooling in the United States and the United Kingdom; work experience encompassing European (particularly EU, British, and Polish) politics, policymaking, and regulation; British & Polish (EU) citizenship

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lecturer (Assistant Professor), UCL Social Research Institute 09/2018 – ongoing

In this role at University College London, I have served as lecturer, module tutor, dissertation supervisor & personal tutor in Sociology & Politics for the BSc in Social Sciences, Sociology, and MSc in Social Science Research Methods. In this role, I have achieved the following:

- Delivered a number of theatre-style lectures for hundreds of students.
- Lead dozens of seminars in which I elaborated on complex arguments in the social sciences.
- Supervised several high-class undergraduate and postgraduate dissertation research projects.
- Provided pastoral care, as well as professional and educational support for several personal tutees.

Research Associate, LSE IDEAS 04/2019 – ongoing

In my 2 years as a Research Associate within the LSE's Foreign Policy think-tank, I have served as one of the investigators in the Open Society Foundation funded Visions of Europe project valued at **129,999 USD**. In this role, I have achieved the following:

- Carried out research on the direction of European politics, resulting in the “The dawn of a Europe of many visions” and the “The future of European democracy: Fixing a troubled continent” reports (details in appendix), and presented them at international conferences.
- Carried out research examining new visions of Europe emerging in civil society (interviewed and surveyed hundreds of civil society organisations) and what they mean for democracy in the European Union, resulting in the “The Rise of Insurgent Europeanism” report (details in appendix).
- Liaised with a wide range of national, local, and supranational policymakers - civil society stakeholders across Europe, as well as MEPs and national European politicians – in order to contribute to the ongoing Conference on the Future of Europe.

Research Director, 89 Initiative

10/2020 – ongoing

I was asked to assume the role of Research Director for the ‘89 Initiative’, the first pan European think-tank. As part of this role, I specifically:

- Oversaw a team of researchers at the think-tank’s Democracy Programme.
- Designed research investigating civil society visions for EU-UK future relations - interviewing and surveying policymakers, regulators, academia, and other non-governmental groups in the field - resulting in a forthcoming policy report.
- Responsible for liaising with civil society stakeholders across the UK, as well as MPs to promote our findings and influence the public policy and regulatory environment.

Digital Strategy Lead and Communications Manager, LSE European Institute

10/2015 – 05/2021

- LSE Brexit blog: Created and edited the blog comprising 2000+ posts; 5 million views; 32k+ Twitter followers; widely quoted in the media (FT, Bloomberg, BBC).
- LSE Commission on the Future of Britain in Europe: Convened the commission ahead of the 2016 referendum, co-authored the “Ever closer to different destinations: how the renegotiation changed the EU’s aims” report (details in appendix).
- Generation Brexit project valued at **250,000 GBP**: Conceptualised and delivered a crowdsourcing platform for young people to discuss Brexit, co-authored the “Building Bridges: A youth vision for a common future after Brexit” report presented in Parliament; liaised with leading researchers, youth organisations, and policymakers across the UK (House of Commons and Lords) throughout the project.

Project Manager, Graduate Promotions (London, UK)

04/2016 – 08/2016

- Oversaw the implementation of a start-up marketing project for Octopus Energy.
- Responsible for public policy analysis and regulatory due diligence.

Researcher, University of Warsaw

08/2016 – 06/2019

- Investigator in the Polish Immigrant Organisations in Europe project (project value **1,145,746 PLN**).
- Carried out ethnographic research among Polish Migrant Organisations in the UK, resulting in multiple policy reports.

Researcher, Institute of Public Affairs (Warsaw, Poland)

10/2013 – 12/2015

- Co-investigator of the “Solidarity in Action” project (Polish migrants and UK trade unionism).
- Co-investigator of the “Nothing About Us, Without Us” project (Poles in British civil society).

Guest Teacher, LSE

10/2011 – 07/2018

- Guest lecturer & seminar teacher of the LSE’s flagship undergraduate course LSE100; IR250: Global Politics of Protest and Change; GV350: Nations and Nationalism & GV248: Power and Politics.

EDUCATION

PhD in European Studies & Sociology 04/2015

LSE - London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom

- Recipient of the LSE European Institute Research Studentship Grant (2010-2014).
- Thesis: “Culture for Europe: Struggles for contemporary meanings and social understandings of Europe”.

Master of Arts in Sociology, GPA: 3.88 05/2010

The New School for Social Research (NY, NY)

- Degree focus: comparative historical and political sociology.
- Recipient of The New School’s Graduate Scholarship (2009-2010).

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Social Inquiry, GPA: 3.74 01/2009

Eugene Lang College, The New School for Liberal Arts (NY, NY)

- Completed courses in social theory, history, literature, theatre, German, and French.
- Recipient of award: Eugene Lang College Dean’s Scholarship (2005-2009).

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy in progress

Subwarden & Senior Subwarden 09/2011 – 08/2015

- Responsible for pastoral care and student well-being at LSE’s Halls of Residence.

Intern, Ministry of Culture & National Heritage (Warsaw, Poland) 06/2011 – 09/2011

- Worked for the **Polish Presidency of the Council of the European Union**.
- Responsible for liaising with Brussels in media and intellectual property matters.

Teacher’s Assistant, Public School 197 (Harlem, New York) 09/2005 – 06/2008

- Managed in-class early literacy computer programme & worked with students with learning difficulties.

LANGUAGES & INTERESTS

- Native/bilingual proficiency in English and Polish; intermediate proficiency in French; basic proficiency in German; elementary proficiency in Russian and Spanish.
- Cycling & CrossFit; hiking & yoga; jazz & classical music; non-fiction & historical literature.

APPENDIX: SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed:

- Dunin-Wąsowicz, Roch. “Polish Migrant Organisations in the UK post 2004: between lack of unity and increased recognition.” *Studia Migracyjne – Przegląd Polonijny*, 2021. [forthcoming]
- Dunin-Wąsowicz, Roch. Fomina, Joanna. ‘Euromaidan Moment: The Making of Ukrainian Diasporic Civil Society in Poland.’ [Democracy, Diaspora, Territory: Europe and Cross-Border Politics, 1st Edition](#), edited by Olga Oleinikova and Jumana Bayeh. Routledge 2019
- Dunin-Wąsowicz, Roch. “[The Rainbow Is Burning: Analysing Public Contemporary Art as Site of the Polish Symbolic Conflict Over LGBT Rights, the Nation and Europe](#).” *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism* Volume 16, Issue 1, pages 20–39, April 2016.

Edited volumes & reports:

- Dunin-Wąsowicz, Roch. “Lekcje z brexitu dla Polski: długi masz po pexit już się rozpoczął”. Institute of Public Affairs. Warsaw 2021 [forthcoming]
- Dunin-Wąsowicz, Roch. “Review of Reshaping Poland’s Community after Communism: Ordinary Celebrations”. *Studia Polityczne*, 2021. [forthcoming]
- Dunin-Wąsowicz, R, et al. “[Visions of Cooperation: UK Civil Society’s Responses to Brexit](#)”. 89 Initiative., London 2021
- Cooper, L; Dunin-Wąsowicz, R; Kaldor, M; Milanese, N; Rangelov, I. “[The Rise of Insurgent Europeanism](#)”. LSE IDEAS 2021
- Dunin-Wąsowicz, Roch. “[Raport podsumowujący badania w Wielkiej Brytanii.](#)” *Polskie Organizacje Imigranckie w Europie*. Ośrodek Studiów nad Migracjami, Uniwersytet Warszawski, Warszawa 2020
- Dunin-Wąsowicz, Roch. “[Hollowing out the state](#)”. The future of European democracy: Fixing a troubled continent. LSE Conflict and Civil Society Research Unit, 2019
- Cooper, L; Dunin-Wąsowicz, R; Milanese, N. “[The dawn of a Europe of many visions: What the European election manifestos tell us about the conflict and paralysis ahead](#)”. LSE Conflict and Civil Society Research Unit, 2019
- Bhambra, M; Cottakis, M; Dunin-Wąsowicz, R; & Jackson-Preece, J. “[Building Bridges: A youth vision for a common future after Brexit.](#)” APPG on A Better Brexit for Young People, UK Parliament 2018
- Glendinning, Simon; Dunin-Wąsowicz, Roch. [Ever Closer Union Report](#). (15th April 2016), *LSE Commission on the Future of Britain in Europe*. LSE European Institute
- Dunin-Wąsowicz, Roch. Garapich, Michał P. “Zaangażowanie Polaków w brytyjskie związki zawodowe.” *Solidarność w działaniu. Prawa pracownicze, udział w dialogu społecznym oraz uzwiązkowanie Polaków w Wielkiej Brytanii*. Institute of Public Affairs. Warsaw 2015: 60-76
- Dunin-Wąsowicz, Roch. “Polacy w brytyjskim społeczeństwie obywatelskim: analiza formalnych stowarzyszeń i organizacji”. *Nic o Nas bez nas. Partycypacja obywatelska Polaków w Wielkiej Brytanii*. Institute of Public Affairs. Warsaw 2013: 79-104

Articles:

- Dunin-Wąsowicz, Roch. [Civil society’s visions must be included in the Conference on the Future of Europe](#). (2021) *Encompass*
- Cooper, L; Dunin-Wąsowicz, R; Milanese, N. “[Beyond the ‘Brussels bubble’](#)”. (2021) *Social Europe*

- Cooper, L; Dunin-Wąsowicz, R; Milanese, N “[After a decade of crises, Europe is witnessing the rise of insurgent Europeanism](#)” (2021) EUROPP – LSE European Politics and Policy Blog
 - Dunin-Wąsowicz, Roch; Chmielewska-Szlajfer, Helena. [Poland’s abortion ban protests are a harbinger of a wider social movement.](#) (2020) EUROPP – LSE European Politics and Policy Blog
 - Dunin-Wąsowicz, Roch. Europe’s COVID-19 response must be delivered by society at large, not just governments. (2020) LSE COVID-19 Blog
 - Cooper, L; Dunin-Wąsowicz, R; Milanese, N. [The dawn of a Europe of many visions: what the election manifestos tell us about the conflict, paralysis and progress ahead.](#) (2019) LSE Brexit Blog
 - Dunin-Wąsowicz, Roch; Macchiarelli, Corrado. [Europe After Brexit: What’s next?](#) (2018) LSE Brexit Blog
 - Dunin-Wąsowicz, Roch. [The Eurovision in Ukraine was an exercise in soft power.](#) (2017) EUROPP – LSE European Politics and Policy Blog
 - Glendinning, Simon; Dunin-Wąsowicz, Roch. [Ever closer to different destinations: how the renegotiation changed the EU’s aims.](#) (2016) LSE Brexit Blog
 - Dunin-Wąsowicz, Roch. [The reaction to Conchita Wurst’s victory at Eurovision highlights the polarisation over LGBTI rights across Europe.](#) (2014) EUROPP – LSE European Politics and Policy Blog
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