

Education

2015-2019 - Polish Academy of Sciences, Institute of Political Studies,

Degree: PhD in Political Studies

2015-2017 - University of Warsaw, The Institute of Classical Studies

Bachelor studies in Classics

2012-2015 - University of Warsaw, Institute of Philosophy

Doctoral studies in Philosophy

2010-2012 - Jagiellonian University, Institute of Culture

Degree: M.A. in Cultural Studies

2006-2010 - The Pontifical University in Cracow, Philosophy Department Degree:

M.A. in Philosophy

Professional experience

2019-present – Assistant Professor of History, Polish Academy of Sciences, Institute of Political Studies

2025-2026 – Visiting Fellow (History), Institute for Advanced Study at Central European University in Budapest

November 2025 – Visiting Fellow, MIT, Program in Science, Technology and Society (invited by prof. Kate Brown)

October 2025 – Visiting Fellow, Yale University, Agrarian Studies Program (invited by prof. James C. Scott, before his passing in 2024)

April 2025 – May 2025 – Visiting Fellow, New York University, Center for European and Mediterranean Studies (invited by prof. Larry Wolff)

2019-2023 – Academic teacher, Institute of Polish Culture, Warsaw University

2020-2021 – Visiting Fellow, The Institute for Human Sciences (IWM) in Vienna

2015-2019 – Research Assistant, Polish Academy of Sciences, Institute of Political Studies

Selected Awards

2025-2028 – Fellowship of the Minister of Education and Science for outstanding young scientists in History.

2025-2026 – Core Fellowship Program, Institute for Advanced Study at Central European University in Budapest.

2025 – Visiting Fellowship Program, New York University, Center for European and Mediterranean Studies.

2020-2021 – Józef Tischner Fellowship, The Institute for Human Sciences (IWM) in Vienna.

2020 – Finalist of the Barbara Skarga Award.

Selected Papers

Pospiszyl, M., *Confusion of Places: Ecologies and Escapes*, “American Historical Review”, 2027/1 (forthcoming).

Pospiszyl, M., *On the Edge of Power: Peasants and Escape Ecologies in Eastern Europe, c. 1700–1850*, “Journal of Modern History”, 2026/1: <https://doi.org/10.1086/739699>

Związek, T., Pospiszyl, M., et al., *The beginnings of forest management on Polish lands (late 18th–mid-19th c.)*, “Journal of Historical Geography”, 2026/2:

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhg.2026.03.002>

Pospiszyl, M., *The Fifth Element: The Enlightenment and the Draining of Eastern Europe*, “Environmental History”, 2023/2; <https://doi.org/10.1086/723839>.

Books

Pospiszyl, M., Czeczot, K., *Romanticism and Ecology* [in polish], IBL PAN: Warsaw 2025.

Pospiszyl, M., *Decomposition. Essays on the Relationship of State and Pathogens* [in polish], PWN: Warsaw 2021.

Pospiszyl, M., Czeczot, K., *Romantic Anti-capitalism* [in polish], IBL PAN: Warsaw 2018.

Pospiszyl, M., *To Stop the History. Walter Benjamin and Minority Materialism* [in polish], IBL PAN: Warsaw 2016.

Current Research Projects

2023-2026 – *Civilizing by Draining: An Environmental History of Eastern European Mud*: Project Manager in the research project awarded by the National Science Centre. The result will be a monograph on the social and environmental history of eastern European wetlands.

2026-2030 – *Forest of the Anthropocene: the Role of Pinus Sylvestris in the Formation of Modern States, Societies and Environments in the 18th and 19th Centuries*. Researcher in the research project awarded by the National Science Centre.

2026-2030 – *Taming the Primeval: Water, Landscape and Human Impact in the Forest*. Researcher in the research project awarded by the National Science Centre.

Selected Presentations

Pospiszyl, M., *On the Edge of Power: Peasants and Escape Ecologies in Eastern Europe, c. 1700–1850*, in: Institute for Advanced Study at Central European University in Budapest, February 2026.

Pospiszyl, M., *Escape Ecologies: Peasants, Nature, and Power in Eastern Europe, 1700-1850* in: MIT, Program in Science, Technology and Society, Cambridge, Ma., November 2025 (as a keynote speaker).

Pospiszyl, M., *Escape Ecologies: Peasants, Nature, and Power in Eastern Europe, 1700-1850* in: Yale Agrarian Studies Colloquium, New Haven, October 2025 (as a keynote speaker).

Pospiszyl, M., *Can the Lice Speak? Ecology and the Napoleonic Wars in Eastern Europe* in: European Society for Environmental History (ESEH), Uppsala, Sweden, August 2025.

Pospiszyl, M., *Decolonising Eastern European Ecologies: Peasants, Environment, and Rulers in the Age of Enlightenment*, in: Eastern European Workshop, New York University, April 2025 (as a keynote speaker).

Pospiszyl, M., Popek, J., *Peasant Environmentalism: The Ecological Revolution in Enlightenment Eastern Europe and Grassroots Resource Management*, in: European Social Science History Conference (ESSHC), Leiden, Netherlands, March 2025.

Pospiszyl, M., *Corrupted Nature: Environmental and Social Resistance to Canal Building and Swamp Drainage in Eastern Europe, 1760-1830*, in: The American Society for Environmental History 2025 Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 2025

Pospiszyl, M., *Natural Ally: Eastern Europe and Escape Ecologies*, in: Bordering Nature: Reimagining borders against the climate of crisis, University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu, September 2023 (as a keynote speaker).

Pospiszyl, M., *The Eighteenth-Century Revolutions, and the Birth of the Plebs in the Political Discourse of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth*, in: The History of Concepts Conference, Warsaw, September 2023.

Pospiszyl, M., *The Republic of Marshes: Eastern Europe and Fugitive Ecologies*, in: Shifty Muds. Land, Water and Life in a ‘Patchy Anthropocene’, New Europe College Institute for Advanced Studies, Bucharest, June 2023.

Pospiszyl, M., *Erase the Traces! Visibility, Enlightenment and Swamp Maroons in Eastern Europe*, in: Nomad Properties. Political Anthropologies of Nomadism from the 18th Century until Today, Erfurt, July 2022 (as a keynote speaker).

Pospiszyl, M., *The Art of Living in the Swamp. Enlightenment and Environmental History of the Polesia Wetlands*, in: *Non-Western Approaches in Environmental Humanities*, Warsaw, July 2022.