

Education

2015-2019 - Polish Academy of Science, 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 – Adjunct, Polish Academy of Science, Institute of Political Studies

April 2025 – May 2025 – Visiting Fellow, New York University, Center for European and Mediterranean Studies

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 Science, Institute of Political Studies

Selected Awards

2025 – Scholarship of the Minister of Education and Science for outstanding young scientists
(The period of receiving the scholarship: 2024-2026)

2025 – Core Fellowship program, Institute for Advanced Study at Central European University
in Budapest

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

2020 – Finalist of the Barbara Skarga Award

Selected Papers

Pospiszyl, M., *On the Edge of Power: Peasants and Escape Ecologies in Eastern Europe, c. 1700–1850*, “The Journal of Modern History”, 2026/2 (forthcoming).

Pospiszyl, M., *The Fifth Element: The Enlightenment and the Draining of Eastern Europe*, “Environmental History”, 2023/2.

Books

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.

2022-2026 – *Romanticism According to New Sources*: Researcher in the research project awarded by the National Program for the Development of the Humanities in Poland. The result will be an anthology on romantic ecologies.

Selected Presentations

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.