

Agnieszka Kościńska

Curriculum vitae

Education:

Habilitation. Cultural Anthropology, University of Warsaw, 2015.

Ph.D. Ethnology/Cultural Anthropology, University of Warsaw, dissertation: *Women of Spirit. Religious Conversion and the Reconstruction of Gender Regime. The Case of a New Religious Movement, the Brahma Kumaris*, 2007.

M.A. Ethnology, University of Warsaw, thesis: *Sectophobia: Conflicts around New Religious Movements*, 2000.

Democracy & Diversity Graduate Summer Institute, organizer: Transregional Center of Democratic Studies, the New School for Social Research, New York, NY, Krakow, July 11-29, 2004.

European Union Student Exchange Program Tempus, University of Copenhagen, Department of Archaeology and Ethnology/Institute of Social Anthropology, Denmark, January–June 1999.

Academic Experience:

Current Positions: Associate Professor (March 2015~) and vice-director (Feb 2012-August 2016), Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of History, University of Warsaw;
and Lecturer (2012~), Postgraduate Gender Studies Program, Institute for Literary Research at the Polish Academy of Sciences

2007–2015: Assistant Professor, Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of History, University of Warsaw.

Selected Grants and Fellowships:

2010–2012. Marie Curie International Outgoing Fellowship (within Seventh Framework Programme of the European Union); project: *Biomedicalizing Gender. The Globalization of Sexual Science and the Redefinition of Gender Roles in Poland*; host institutions: Harvard University, Anthropology Department (academic year 2010-2011) and University of Warsaw (2011-2012); scientists in charge: Michael Herzfeld, Magdalena Zowczak.

2010. Fulbright Senior Award (declined).

2009–2016. Fellowships by Erasmus Programme (by the European Union) – Teaching Staff Mobility, Visiting Professor at: School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies. Russian and East European Studies, St. Antony's College, University of Oxford (January 2016); Institut für Europäische Ethnologie, Universität Wien (January 2015); Chair of Comparative Central European Studies, Europa-Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder) (May 2010); Saxo Institute, Department of European Ethnology, University of Copenhagen (March 2009, March 2013).

September–December 2006. The Kosciuszko Foundation Grant, Visiting Scholar, host institution: The New School for Social Research, New York, NY.

April–June 2005. Danish Governmental Scholarship, Visiting Scholar, host institution: Saxo Institute. Department of European Ethnology, University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

Selected Recent Invited Lectures and Conference Presentations:

What Happened After 1989: Sex Education and Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health in Poland in the 1980s and 1990s, European Social Science History Conference, 30.03-2.04.2016, University of Valencia, Spain.

Gender on Trial: Tracing changes of legal and discursive practices around sexual violence in Poland. International Gender Studies Centre, Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford, January 28, 2016 (invited lecture).

Forgetting Sexual Violence in Poland. Memory, Discourse, and Diversity: A Research colloquium at the Department of Diversity and Social Conflict, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, November 20, 2015 (invited lecture).

Polish Sex Revolution? Sexuality and Gender in the 1970s and 1980s. Institut für Europäische Ethnologie, Universität Wien, January 22, 2015 (invited conference presentation).

Seksualność w PRL i dziś. Temat zastępczy czy spór o obywatelstwo kulturowe? (Sexuality under Socialism and Today: A Red Herring or the Struggle over Cultural Citizenship?); Ogólnopolska Interdyscyplinarna Konferencja Naukowa. Seksualność, męskość, edukacja. Panika moralna 2013/2014 – rekonstrukcje (An Interdisciplinary Conference: Sexuality, Masculinity and Education. The Moral Panic 2013-2014), University of Gdansk, Oct 15-16, 2014 (invited plenary address).

Sexology in Transition: Polish Cultural Approaches to Sexuality and Sexual Science; Česká Asociace pro Sociální Antropologii/Czech Association for Social Anthropology, Transition 2.0? Anthropology of the world(s) in reform, Prague, September 12-13, 2014.

EASA and Central European ethnology/anthropology. European Association of Social Anthropologists 13th Biennial Conference, Tallinn, Estonia, July 31–August 3, 2014 (invited plenary address).

Against Medicalization and Commodification. Sexology in Poland in the 1970s and 1980s. The Tenth European Social Science History Conference, Vienna, Austria, April 23–26, 2014.

Women in Religious Communities in Poland. The Catholic Church and the Brahma Kumaris Movement. Women and the Maintenance, Growth and Renewal of Religious Communities. Religionswissenschaftliches Seminar. Sigi Feigel Gastprofessur für Jüdische Studien, Universität Zürich, Switzerland, June 6–7, 2013 (invited conference presentation).

Lekkomyślna i prowokująca. Płeć i seksualność w wiedzy eksperckiej i na sali sądowej [*Reckless and Provocative. Gender and Sexuality in the Expert Knowledge and in the Court Room*]. Krakow branch of the Polish Sociological Association, Krakow, Poland, Feb 28, 2013 (invited lecture).

Talking about Rape: Discourse on Sexual Violence in Poland; 17th World Congress of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences, Evolving Humanity, Emerging Worlds, Manchester, 5-10.08.2013.

Regulating Sexuality and Gender in Poland through Science and Religion. 8th European Feminist Research Conference. The Politics of Location Revisited, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, May 18–20, 2012.

Women's Emancipation as an Obstacle to Good Sex. Gender Roles in Sexological Writings in Poland in the 1970s and 1980s. 12th European Association of Social Anthropologists Biennial Conference, Nanterre University, Paris, France, July 10–13, 2012.

The Medicalization of Rape. Regulating Female Sexuality through Expert Discourse and Court Practices in Poland from the 1970s to Present. Sexual Cultures Conference: Theory, Practice, Research, Brunel University, London, UK, April 20–22, 2012.

New Sexual Dysfunctions or New Models of Femininity and Masculinity? Therapeutic Responses to Gender Transformations in Poland. The Society for Psychological Anthropology of the American Anthropological Association Biennial Meeting, 'Subjects and Their Milieux in Late Modernity: The Relevance of Psychological Anthropology to Contemporary Problems and Issues,' Santa Monica, CA, March 31–April 03, 2011.

Denying Sexual Violence: Sexology, Gender and Expert Witnesses in Poland. Harvard Social Anthropology Program Seminar Series, Cambridge, MA, March 28, 2011 (invited lecture).

Selected Recent Publications:

Articles in Peer Reviewed Journals

2016 'Sex on equal terms? Polish sexology on women's emancipation and "good sex" from the 1970s to present'. *Sexualities*, vol. 19, no. 1-2, pp. 236-256.

2016 'The science of sex in a space of uncertainty: Naturalizing and modernizing Europe's East, past and present'. *Sexualities*, vol. 19, no. 1-2, pp. 159-167. Co-authored with Hadley Renkin.

2015 'Historia jako wiedza konieczna. Z antropologicznych badań dyskursu eksperckiego o seksualności' (History as a Necessary Knowledge: The Anthropology of Sexuality), *Rocznik Antropologii Historii*, vol. 5, no. 8, pp. 27-40.

2014 'Beyond Viagra: Sex Therapy in Poland'. *Czech Sociological Review*, no. 6, pp. 919-38, <http://dx.doi.org/10.13060/00380288.2014.50.6.148>.

2014 'Nauka o seksie a płeć. Uwarunkowania kulturowe, społeczne i ekonomiczne seksuologii głównego nurtu w Polsce i Stanach Zjednoczonych' [Gender and the Science of Sex. Cultural, Social and Economic Factors in the Development of Mainstream Sexology in Poland and the United States]. *Kultura i Społeczeństwo*, no. 1, pp. 63-77.

2014 “The ordinary recklessness of girls...”: Expert witnesses and the problem of rape in Poland’. *Zeszyty Etnologii Wrocławskiej*, no. 1, pp. 99-112, http://zew.info.pl/files/1-14_Koscianska.pdf.

2014 Panika wokół gender – temat zastępczy czy spór o obywatelstwo kulturowe [Moral panic around gender: a red herring or the conflict over cultural citizenship]. *Ars Educandi* vol. 11, pp. 259-269.

2012 ‘„Nie” znaczy „tak”? Dyskurs ekspercki na temat przemocy seksualnej wobec kobiet w prasie polskiej od lat 70. XX w. do dziś’ [“No” Means “Yes”? Expert Discourse of Sexual Violence in Polish press from the 1970s to present]. *Zeszyty Etnologii Wrocławskiej*, no. 1, pp. 37-53, <http://zew.info.pl/files/Koscianska.pdf>.

2010 ‘Les groupes de femmes non féministes. Le mouvement Brahma Kumaris’. *Ethnologie Française*, vol. 40, no. 2, pp. 257-265.

2009 ‘The ‘power of silence:’ Spirituality and women’s agency beyond the Catholic Church in Poland’. *Focaal—European Journal of Anthropology*, no. 53, pp. 56-71.

Books

2014 *Płeć, przyjemność i przemoc. Kształtowanie wiedzy eksperckiej o seksualności w Polsce (Gender, Pleasure and Violence. The Construction of Expert Knowledge of Sexuality in Poland)*, Warsaw, Wydawnictwa Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego (University of Warsaw Press), pp. 270 (Winner of the Clio Award by the Rector of the University of Warsaw).

2009 *Potęga ciszy. Konwersja a rekonstrukcja porządku płci na przykładzie nowego ruchu religijnego Brahma Kumaris [The Power of Silence: Gender and Religious Conversion. The Case of a New Religious Movement, the Brahma Kumaris]*, Warsaw, University of Warsaw Press, pp. 195 (Winner of the Clio Award by the Rector of the University of Warsaw).

Edited Volumes

2015 *Antropologia wobec dyskryminacji [Anthropology Against Discrimination]*, Warsaw: University of Warsaw Press, pp. 246. Co-edited with Kamila Dąbrowska and Magdalena Grabowska.

2012 *Antropologia seksualności. Teoria. Etnografia. Zastosowanie [Anthropology of Sexuality: Theory, Ethnography, Application; a textbook]*, Warszawa, University of Warsaw Press, pp. 521.

2007 *Gender. Perspektywa antropologiczna [Gender: An Anthropological Perspective, a textbook]*, vol. 1. pp. 328; vol. 2, pp. 250 Warszawa, University of Warsaw Press. Co-edited with Renata E. Hryciuk.

2006 *Kobiety i religie [Women and Religions]*, Kraków, Zakład Wydawniczy „Nomos”, pp. 574. Co-edited with Katarzyna Leszczyńska.

Edited Special Issues

2016 *Sexualities*, special issue 'The science of sex in a space of uncertainty: naturalizing and modernizing Europe's east, past and present', vol. 19, no. 1-2. Co-edited with Hadley Renkin.

2015 *Rocznik Antropologii Historii* (Anthropology of History Yearbook), special issue 'Między etnologią a historią' (Between Ethnology and History), vol. 5, no. 1. Co-edited with Magdalena Radkowska-Walkowicz.

2014 *Zeszyty Etnologii Wrocławskiej* (Wrocław Ethnological Review), special issue Antropologia płci i seksualności. Perspektywy marginalne (Anthropology of gender and sexuality. Marginal perspectives), no. 1. Co-edited with Monika Baer.

2009 *Focaal—European Journal of Anthropology*, The East speaks back: Gender and sexuality in postsocialist Europe, no. 53. Co-edited with Jill Owczarzak.

Book Chapters

2015 'Feminist and Queer Sex Therapy: The Ethnography of Expert Knowledge of Sexuality in Poland'. In *Rethinking Ethnography in Central Europe*, eds H. Cervinkova, M. Buchowski, Z. Uherek, New York, Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 131-45.

2015 „Mafia cywilizatorów”. Lokalne korzenie społecznego i politycznego zaangażowania polskiej etnologii. In: *Antropologia wobec dyskryminacji*, [Anthropology Against Discrimination], Kamila Dąbrowska and Magdalena Grabowska, Agnieszka Kościńska eds. Warszawa, Wydawnictwa Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego, pp. 37-50.

2013 'Antropologia stosowana i zaangażowana wobec dyskryminacji ze względu na płeć i seksualność' [Applied and Engaged Anthropology against Gender and Sexuality Discrimination]. In *Antropologia stosowana*, ed. Maciej Ząbek, Warszawa, Instytut Etnologii i Antropologii Kulturowej UW, Międzynarodowe Centrum Dialogu Międzykulturowego i Międzyreligijnego UKSW, pp. 273-293. Co-authored with Magdalena Grabowska. Also available at: <http://www.cyfrowaetnografia.pl/dlibra/doccontent?id=5112&dirids=1>

2013 'Jak uchronić polskie dzieci przed demoralizacją? Dyskurs medycyny i psychologii w pewnym młodzieżowym piśmie katolickim' [How to protect Polish children against demoralization? The discourse of medicine and psychology in a journal for the Catholic youth]. In *Etnograficzne wędrówki po obszarach antropologii. Tom w darze dla Profesora Lecha Mroza*, eds. Łukasz Smyrski, Katarzyna Waszczyńska, Warszawa, Wydawnictwo DiG, pp. 427-439.

2012 'Twórcze odgrywanie Matki Polki i Matki Boskiej. Religia a symbolika macierzyńska w Polsce' [Creatively performing the Polish Mother and the Mother of God. Religion and the maternal symbolism in Poland]. In *Pożegnanie z Matką Polką? Dyskursy, praktyki i reprezentacje macierzyństwa we współczesnej Polsce*, eds. Renata E. Hryciuk, Elżbieta Korolczuk, Wydawnictwa Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego, pp. 147-164.

2010, 'Kulturowe konteksty naukowej wiedzy o seksualności' [Cultural contexts of scientific knowledge of sexuality]. In *Antropolog wobec współczesności. Tom w darze Profesor Annie Zadrożyńskiej*, eds. Anna Malewska-Szałygin, Magdalena Radkowska-Walkowicz, Instytut

Etnologii i Antropologii Kulturowej UW, 2010, pp. 227-234, also available at: <http://www.cyfrowaetnografia.pl/dlibra/doccontent?id=4640&dirids=1>

2008 'On Celibate Marriages: Conversion to the Brahma Kumaris in Poland.' In: *On the Margins of Religion*, eds. F. Pine, J. de Pina-Cabral, New York, Oxford, Berghahn Books, pp. 168-186.

2008 "Mohair Berets: The Development of Fundamentalism Within the Catholic Church in Poland". In: *The Sociology of Religion. A Substantive and Transdisciplinary Approach*, George Lundskow, Pine Forge Press (A Sage Publications Company), pp. 363-365.

Public and Engaged Anthropology:

Popular press publications and media interviews (e.g. *Gazeta Wyborcza*, *Visegrad Revue*, *Dialog-Pheniben: The Quarterly of the Roma People Association in Poland*), reports and other services to NGOs/human rights advocacy organizations (e.g. Lambda Warsaw, Campaign Against Homophobia, Human Rights without Frontiers Brussels, Niebieska Linia [association fighting against domestic violence], Heinrich Böll Foundation, Multicultural Center Prague, Political Critic), as well as encyclopedia entries dealing with issues of gender and sexuality, sexual violence, homophobia, gender discrimination, discrimination against religious and ethnic minorities in Central and Eastern Europe. See for example:

2015 Dla polskich mężczyzn perspektywa obrony kobiet przed uchodźcami to symboliczna wyprawa krzyżowa, (A. Kościańska, L. Ostalowska) *Gazeta Wyborcza*, 19 November 2015, <http://wyborcza.pl/duzyformat/1,149195,19206835,dla-polskich-mezczyzn-perspektywa-obrony-kobiet-przed-uchodzcami.html>

2014 Who Can be a True Pole? On Gender Panic, *Visegrad Revue*, <http://visegradrevue.eu/who-can-be-a-true-pole-on-gender-panic/>.

2012 Report: 'Churches and religious communities in view of LGBT persons'. In: *Situation of LGBT Persons in Poland. 2010 and 2011 Report*, eds. M. Makuchowska, M. Pawłęga, pp. 145-165, for Campaign Against Homophobia, Lambda Warsaw, Trans-fuzja Foundation; English version available here: http://www.kph.org.pl/publikacje/Raport_badania_LGBT_EN_net.pdf.