



Country Case Study on Poland

**‘Social Democracy in Poland:
From the top division to the third league and the new play-offs’**
By Prof. Anna Paczeńskiak (University of Wrocław)

Friday 12th June 2026

12.30 – 14.00 CET

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- 12.30 – 12.35** **Opening by Ania Skrzypek**, Director for Research and Training;
Editor of the Next Left Country Case Studies series, FEPS
- 12.35 – 13.00** **Presentation by Anna Paczeńskiak**, Professor of Political Science,
University of Wrocław
- 13.00 – 13.10** **First response to the presentation by:**
- Karolina Ziolo-Puzuk**, Secretary of State at the Ministry of Science
and Higher Education, Poland (*excused*)
- Krzysztof Śmiszek**, MEP and Head of the Polish Delegation, S&D
- Katarzyna Ueberhan**, Member of the Sejm, Poland
- Maria Wincławska**, Political Scientist and University professor,
Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń
- Bartosz Machalica**, Director General of the Cabinet of the
Speaker of the Sejm (*excused*)
- Ireneusz Bil**, Chairman, Amicus Europae Foundation
- Aleksandra Iwanowska**, Vice-President, Young European
Socialists; Vice-President for International Affairs, Młoda Lewica
- 13.10 – 13.55** **Discussion**
- 13.55 – 14.00** **Conclusions by Ania Skrzypek and Anna Paczeńskiak**

Biography Anna Pacześniak



Anna Pacześniak is a professor of political science at the University of Wrocław, specialising in European and Polish politics, as well as in the comparative analysis of political systems. She heads a research group focusing on European political processes at the Institute of European Studies. Between 2011 and 2018, she also worked as a lecturer at the Free University of Brussels. She is a member of FEPS Scientific Council. From 2020 to 2023, she served as a permanent adviser to the Polish Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and the European Union. In January 2025, the Conference of Presidents of the European Parliament appointed her to the Committee of Independent Eminent Persons for European Political Parties and European Political Foundations for the 2025–2029 term.

List of participants:

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- **Aoife Maguire**, Communications Officer, FEPS
- **Bartosz Machalica**, Director General of the Cabinet of the Speaker of the Sejm (*excused*)
- **Beata Kosowska-Gąstoł**, Associate Professor at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków
- **Brian Shaev**, University Lecturer, Institute for History, Leiden University
- **Bruno Jeanbart**, Vice-president, OpinionWay
- **Carlo D'Ippoliti**, Professor of political economy, Sapienza University of Rome
- **Corina Popa**, Political Advisor, S&D
- **David Rinaldi**, Political Advisor, PES CoR
- **Eunice Goes**, Professor of Politics, Richmond University in London
- **Felix Butzlaff**, Political scientist and Postdoctoral fellow, Central European University Vienna
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- **Gerhard Marchl**, Head of Department of European Politics, Karl-Renner-Institut
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- **Ruxandra Ivan**, Associate Professor at the Department of Political Science, University of Bucharest
- **Tomáš Petříček**, Senior non-residential fellow, Centre of Global Political Economy, Institute of International Relations in Prague