

Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw  
Faculty of Christian Philosophy - Institute of Psychology  
announces a competition for a stipendist position in the "OPUS" project financed by the  
Polish National Science Center (NCN)

#### General information

UKSW UNIT: Faculty of Psychology, Institute of Psychology

POSITION: stipendist in the research grant led by prof. dr hab. Magdalena Żemojtel-Piotrowska (P.I.); NCN OPUS **2024/55/B/HS6/00282**; title **“The Integrated Agency-Communion Model of Collective Narcissism: Implications for intergroup relations, conspiracy thinking, and support for the populists”**

Scientific discipline: psychology

OPENING DATE: 1st June 2026 r.

CLOSING DATE: 30st June 2026 r.

PLACE OF POSTING the ANNOUNCEMENT: <http://www.wfch.uksw.edu.pl/konkursy>

#### DESCRIPTION:

EMPLOYEMENT PERIOD: 12 months (with a possibility to prolongate up to 30 months)

2500/month (stipend increases after mid-term evaluation in doctoral school); starting from 1 September 2026

#### Project description:

In recent years, there has been rapid scientific progress in the study of political ideology (including support for populist parties), intergroup relations and narcissism (i.e. a self-centered, dominant and exploitative attitude toward other people, manifested at both the individual and group levels). Although it seems that research on collective narcissism can no longer provide much new knowledge in understanding sympathy for populism and negative attitudes towards out-groups, many questions remain unanswered. Our project is based on the newly proposed model of agentic-communal collective narcissism. According to this model, enhancing the group self (i.e., a positive image of the in-group) is based on both perceived agency (i.e., the exceptional competence or power of the in-group) and perceived communion (i.e., the exceptional morality or benevolence of the in-group), resulting in a distinct effects on intergroup relations. In the project, we plan cross-sectional, longitudinal and experimental research in countries with different political systems, varying stability of these political systems and different religious traditions. Our goal is to examine collective narcissism (both agentic and communal) in conjunction with different group identities (national, religious, and organizational) in order to systematically examine the “acting” of narcissistic in-group attachment. The main research goals of our project are: (1) validation of our theoretical model, (2) examining the role of collective narcissism in the acceptance of populist ideology (3) examining the importance of situational, motivational and cognitive factors responsible for reluctance towards specific social groups, belief in conspiracy theories and supporting parties using populist rhetoric. To this end, we propose a series of 12 studies using correlational, longitudinal, and experimental designs. As part of the project, we will conduct research in

various countries (Poland, India, Türkiye, the U.S.) with different political and religious traditions. We will combine quantitative and qualitative analyses to understand how different types of collective narcissism influence prejudice, conspiratorial thinking, and support for populist parties. The results of our research will help explain the mechanisms of acceptance of disinformation and the processes leading to the growth of populist sentiments, while also indicating how their negative effects can be limited, and even non-obvious positive manifestations of collective narcissism (such as humanitarian aid) can be detected.

#### I. FORMAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Students of at least the 5th year of Master's studies in psychology, Masters of Psychology or PhD students in psychology.
- Their research interests, documented by publications and/or conference presentations to date, on political, social and/or cross-cultural psychology,
- Scientific achievements in the form of conference presentations and/or publications
- High proficiency in English (work in an international research team), recommended Polish.
- Methodological skills in conducting experiments in social psychology, statistical skills (regression, path analysis), strong interest in studying intergroup relations, evidenced in conference presentations and/or publications.

#### II. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- conducting experiments 4 and 5, collecting data for study 3 (on prejudice), participation in preregistrations, preparing materials for osf, data analyses and reporting, preparing presentations and papers focused on the link between collective narcissism, prejudice, and populism under supervision of PI and co-PI, in collaboration with external experts.

#### III. Application should include:

1. motivational letter in Polish or in English (1 page max);
2. CV including information on the course of previous scientific work, scientific interests and/or participation in research projects, list of publications and conference presentations (in APA standard).
3. copy of the M.A. diploma (in Polish/English or with certified translation into Polish or English) or:
4. in the case of M.A. students: opinion of supervisor regarding the quality of master thesis and scientific achievements of the student;

#### 5. Electronically signed statements:

In Polish: Wyrażam zgodę na przetwarzanie moich danych osobowych dla potrzeb niezbędnych dla realizacji procesu rekrutacji (zgodnie z ustawą o ochronie danych osobowych z dnia 29.08.1997 r. Dz. U. Nr 133, Poz. 883).

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Podpis

In English: I consent to the processing of my personal data for the purposes necessary to carry out the recruitment process (in accordance with the Personal Data Protection Act of 29 August 1997, Journal of Laws No. 133, item 883).

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Signature

In Polish:

Oświadczam, że wyrażam zgodę na przetwarzanie i wykorzystywanie moich danych osobowych ujawnionych w dokumentach aplikacyjnych zgodnie z Rozporządzeniem Parlamentu Europejskiego i Rady (UE) 2016/679 z dnia 27 kwietnia 2016 r. w sprawie ochrony osób fizycznych w związku z przetwarzaniem danych osobowych i w sprawie swobodnego przepływu takich danych oraz uchylenia dyrektywy 95/46/WE – RODO – 4.5.2016 PL Dziennik Urzędowy Unii Europejskiej I. 119/1 przez Uniwersytet Kardynała Stefana Wyszyńskiego w Warszawie w celu prowadzenia przez Uniwersytet procesu rekrutacji.

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In English: I declare that I consent to the processing and use of my personal data disclosed in the application documents in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC - GDPR - 4.5.2016 PL Official Journal of the European Union I. 119/1 by the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw for the purpose of conducting the recruitment process by the University.

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Please submit your proposals to the email address of the project manager, prof. dr hab. Magdalena Żemojtel-Piotrowska: [m.zemojtel-piotrowska@uksw.edu.pl](mailto:m.zemojtel-piotrowska@uksw.edu.pl)

#### Procedure of selecting stipendists:

The competition will be two-stage. In the first stage of the procedure, the Competition Committee will assess the applications of candidates based on the submitted documents, focusing on: 1) experience in conducting research; 2) experience in presenting and writing research works; 3) relevance of this experience for planned research tasks and cooperation with the rest of the team. In the second stage there is possible to interview selected candidates (no more than three the best). The date of the possible interview will be communicated to candidates by e-mail.

The competition will be conducted based on the principles specified in the Regulations on the allocation of funds for the implementation of tasks financed by the National Science Centre in the field of research projects, awarding sptipends for young researchers and in accordance with generally applicable legal provisions and internal regulations of the entity in which the project is carried out.

The right to close the competition without selecting a scholarship holder is reserved.

Competition results: July 8th, 2026.

In accordance with Article 13 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation) (OJ EU L 119/1 of 4 May 2016), I inform you that:

1. The administrator of your personal data is Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, ul. Dewajtis 5, 01-815 Warsaw.

2. The Administrator has appointed a Data Protection Inspector at Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw to supervise the correctness of data protection, who can be contacted at the following e-mail address: [iod@uksw.edu.pl](mailto:iod@uksw.edu.pl)

3. Your personal data will be processed for the purpose of carrying out the recruitment process pursuant to Article 221 of the Labor Code Act and in the case of providing a wider scope of data based on art. 6 sec. 1 letter a of the GDPR - your consent.

4. Only employees authorized by the Administrator will have access to your personal data within the organizational structure of the University to the extent necessary.

5. Your personal data will not be disclosed to other entities, except for entities authorized by law.

6. Your personal data will be stored for the period necessary to complete the recruitment process (up to 12 months from the recruitment process decision).

7. You have the right to access the content of your data, the right to rectify it, delete it, limit its processing, the right to transfer data, the right to object to processing, the right to withdraw consent.

8. You have the right to withdraw your consent to the processing of personal data at any time, which will not affect the lawfulness of processing based on consent before its withdrawal.

9. You have the right to lodge a complaint with the President of the Personal Data Protection Office, if it is justified that your personal data are processed by the administrator in breach of the general regulation on the protection of personal data of 27 April 2016.

10. Providing personal data is voluntary, and necessary to participate in the recruitment process to the extent specified in art. 22 § 1 of the Labor Code, in the remaining scope voluntary.

11. Decisions will not be made in an automated manner; you will not be subject to profiling.