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Current Research Interests

Political economy of illiberal democracy in Poland; income and wealth distribution; measurement of poverty, inequality and polarization; happiness and life satisfaction; political economy of post-socialist states

Education

Habilitation in Economics, University of Warsaw, 2014
Ph.D. Economics, University of Warsaw, Poland, 2004
M.A. Economics, University of Warsaw, Poland, 1999
University of Warsaw, Poland, Institute of Philosophy, 1998-1999

Employment

University of Warsaw, Faculty of Economic Sciences

2004-, Assistant Professor of Economics (PhD with habilitation)

Other professional experience

World Bank, short-term consultant, June 2014, February 2015

The Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences April/May 2014

Publications

Journal articles in English

- 2018 Brzeziński Michał (2018), „Diagnosing unhappiness dynamics: Evidence from Poland and Russia”, forthcoming in *Journal of Happiness Studies*.
Brzeziński Michał (2018), “Income inequality and the Great Recession in Central and Eastern Europe”, *Economic Systems*, vol. 42(2), pp. 219–247.
- 2017 Brzeziński Michał (2017), “The impact of the Family 500+ program on household incomes, poverty and inequality in Poland”, *Social Policy: Journal of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy*, vol. 13(1), pp. 16–25.

- 2016 Brzeziński Michał (2016), “Robust estimation of the Pareto tail index: A Monte Carlo Analysis”, *Empirical Economics*, vol. 51(1), pp. 1–30.
- 2015 Brzeziński Michał (2015), “Accounting for trends in health poverty: A decomposition analysis for Britain, 1991–2008”, *The European Journal of Health Economics*, vol. 16(2), pp. 153–159.
Brzeziński Michał (2015), “Relative risk aversion and power-law distribution of macroeconomic disasters”, *Journal of Applied Econometrics (Replication Section)*, vol. 30(1), pp. 170–175.
- Brzeziński Michał (2015), “Power laws in citation distributions: Evidence from Scopus”, *Scientometrics*, vol. 103(1), pp. 213–228.
- 2014 Brzeziński Michał (2014), “Do wealth distributions follow power laws? Evidence from ‘rich lists’”, *Physica A: Statistical Mechanics and its Applications*, vol. 406, pp. 155–162.
Brzeziński Michał (2014), “Empirical modeling of the impact factor distribution”, *Journal of Informetrics*, vol. 8(2), pp. 362–368.
Brzeziński Michał (2014), “Statistical inference for richness measures”, *Applied Economics*, vol. 46(14), pp. 1599–1608.
- 2013 Brzeziński Michał (2013), “Parametric Modelling of Income Distribution in Central and Eastern Europe”, *Central European Journal of Economic Modelling and Econometrics*, Vol. 5(3), pp. 207–230.
Brzeziński Michał (2013), “Asymptotic and bootstrap inference for top income shares”, *Economics Letters*, Vol. 120(1), pp. 10–13.
Brzeziński Michał (2013), “Top income shares and crime”, *Applied Economics Letters*, Vol. 20(4), pp. 309–315.
- 2012 Brzeziński Michał (2012), “The Chen–Shapiro test for normality”, *The Stata Journal*, Vol. 12(3), pp. 368–374.
Brzeziński Michał (2012), “Accounting for recent trends in absolute poverty in Poland: A decomposition analysis”, *Post-Communist Economies*, Vol. 24(4), pp. 465–475.
- Brzeziński Michał, Halber Maria (2012), “Testing the Perturbation Sensitivity of Abortion-Crime Regressions”, *Contemporary Economics*, Vol. 6(2), pp. 58–63.
- 2011 Brzeziński Michał (2011), “Statistical inference on income polarization in Poland”, *Przegląd statystyczny/Statistical review*, Vol. 58(1–2), pp. 102–113.
- 2010 Brzeziński Michał (2010), “Income affluence in Poland”, *Social Indicators Research*, Vol. 99(2), pp. 285–299.
Brzeziński Michał, Kostro Krzysztof (2010), “Income and consumption inequality in Poland, 1998–2008”, *Bank i Kredyt*, Vol. 41(4), pp. 45–72.
- 2009 Brzeziński Michał, Dzieliński Michał (2009), “Is endogenous growth theory degenerating? Another look at Lakatosian appraisal of growth theories”, *Journal of Economic Methodology*, Vol. 16, No. 3, pp. 243–263.
- 2004 Brzeziński Michał (2004), “Current trends in the historiography of economics”, *Policka ekonomie*, No. 4, pp. 543–559.

Journal articles in Polish

- 2010 Brzeziński Michał (2010), "Ubóstwo relatywne w Polsce w latach 1998-2008", *Polityka społeczna*, No. 5-6, pp. 12–17.
- 2008 Brzeziński Michał, Hockuba Zbigniew, Gorynia Marian (2008), "Ekonomia a inne nauki społeczne na początku XXI w. Między imperializmem a kooperacją", *Ekonomista*, No. 2, pp. 201–232.
- 2006 Brzeziński Michał, Krzysztof Kostro (2006), "Jakie korzyści odnosi ekonomia z badań nad własną historią?", *Ekonomista*, No. 6., pp. 1–25.
- 2002 Brzeziński Michał (2002), "Wpływ nierówności dochodowej na dobrobyt społeczny w Polsce w latach 1989-1997", *Gospodarka Narodowa*, No. 9, pp. 41–60.

Book chapters in English

- 2014 Letki, Natalia, Brzeziński Michał, Jancewicz, Barbara (2014), "The rise of inequalities in Poland and their impacts: When politicians don't care but citizens do", [in:] Brian Nolan, Wiemer Salverda, Daniele Checchi, Ive Marx, Abigail McKnight, István György Tóth, and Herman G. van de Werfhorst (eds.), *Changing Inequalities and Societal Impacts in Rich Countries: Thirty Countries' Experiences*, Oxford, Oxford University Press, pp. 488–513.
- 2011 Brzeziński Michał (2011), "Pro-poor growth in Poland: Contrasting Cross-Sectional and Longitudinal Perspectives", in: Anna Jaeschke, Wiesława Starzynska (eds.), *Statistical methods in regional and social analyses under integration and globalization*, Łódź, Statistical Office in Łódź, pp. 175–190.
- Brzeziński Michał (2011), "Marshall in Poland", in Raffaelli T., Becattini G., Dardi M., and Caldari K.(eds.), *The Impact Of Alfred Marshall's Ideas: The Global Diffusion of his Work*, Cheltenham, Edward Elgar, pp. 110–115.

Book chapters in Polish

- 2015 Brzeziński Michał (2015), "Jaki kapitalizm? Jakie państwo? Schumpeterowska teoria wzrostu gospodarczego a koncepcja inteligentnego państwa (smart state)", in: Ł. Hardt, D. Milczarek-Andrzejewska (ed.), *Ekonomia jest piękna? Księga dedykowana Profesorowi Jerzemu Wilkinowi*, Warszawa, Wydawnictwo Naukowe Scholar, pp. 153–168.
- Brzeziński Michał (2015), "Nierówności w Polsce na tle krajów Unii Europejskiej", in: E. Kwiatkowski, B. Liberda (ed.), *Determinanty rozwoju Polski. Rynek pracy i demografia*, Warszawa, Polskie Wydawnictwo Ekonomiczne, pp. 131–143.
- 2014 Brzeziński Michał (2014), "Nierówność dochodowa w Polsce", in B. Kłos, J. Szymańczak (eds.), *Nierówności społeczne w Polsce*, Warszawa, Wydawnictwo Sejmowe, pp. 121–136.
- 2007 Brzeziński Michał (2007), "Czy istnieje polska ekonomia stosowana? Przypadek CASE", in J. Kochanowicz, S. Mendes, M. Marody (eds.), *Kulturowe aspekty transformacji ekonomicznej*, Warszawa, Instytut Spraw Publicznych, pp. 251–275.
- 2005 Brzeziński Michał, Hockuba Zbigniew (2005), "Oskara Langego syntezy teorii ekonomicznych", in Z. Sadowski (ed.), *Oskar Lange a współczesność*, Warszawa, Polskie Towarzystwo Ekonomiczne, pp. 289–312.
- 2004 Brzeziński Michał, Hockuba Zbigniew (2004), "Ekonomia polityczna Oskara Langego", in J. Wilkin (ed.), *Czym jest ekonomia polityczna dzisiaj?*, Warszawa, Wydział Nauk Ekonomicznych Uniwersytet Warszawski, pp. 33-60.

- 2001 Brzeziński Michał (2001), “Koncepcja sprawiedliwości Johna Rawlsa a teoria ekonomii”, in T. Żylicz (ed.), *Dziesięć lat transformacji polskiej gospodarki*, Warszawa, Nowy Dziennik, pp. 25-43.

Book reviews (in Polish)

- 2006 Brzeziński Michał (2006), “Recenzja książki: P. Mirowski, Machine Dreams: Economics Becomes a Cyborg Science”, *Studia Ekonomiczne*, No. 4., pp. 345-350.
- 2005 Brzeziński Michał (2005), “Recenzja książki: J. Wilkin (red.), Teoria wyboru publicznego”, *Studia Ekonomiczne*, No. 1-2., pp. 149-151.
- 2003 Brzeziński Michał (2003), “Recenzja książki: E. Roy Weintraub, How Economics Became a Mathematical Science”, *Studia Ekonomiczne*, No. 1-2., pp. 149-151.

Other publications

“Is high inequality an issue in Poland?”, Institute of Structural Research Policy Paper No. 01/2017..

Papers submitted

- Brzeziński, M. (2018), “Top income shares and subjective well-being”
- Brzeziński, M. (2017), “Inequality of opportunity in Europe before and after Great Recession”.
- Brzeziński, M. (2017), “Childhood circumstances, personality traits and adult-life economic outcomes in developing countries: Evidence from STEP”.
- Brzeziński, M. (2017), “What accounts for the rise in low self-rated health during the recent economic crisis in Europe?”
- Brzeziński, M., Magda, I. (2018), „Accounting for changes in inequality of opportunity: Evidence from Central and Eastern Europe”.

Unpublished

- Brzeziński, M. (2013), “Income polarization and economic growth”, National Bank of Poland Working Paper No. 147, 2013.
- Brzeziński, M. (2014), “Growing Inequalities’ Impact” project country report: Poland (co-authored with Barbara Jancewicz and Natalia Letki).
- Brzeziński, M. (2011), “Has recent economic growth in Poland been pro-poor?”, Faculty of Economic Sciences University of Warsaw Working Paper No. 18/2011 (58).

Work in Progress

- “Inequality and intelligence: A reconsideration” (joint with Marek Kośny)
- “Benefits of EU membership for CEE countries – evidence from synthetic control method”
- “Is There a Satiation Point in Life Satisfaction-Income Relationship? Evidence from Northern Europe”

Teaching Experience

University of Warsaw, Faculty of Economic Sciences

1999–2018: Introduction to economics, Introductory and intermediate micro- and macroeconomics, History of economic thought, Methodology of economics, “Sex, drugs, and rock’n’roll” – microeconomics of human behaviour, Political economics, M.A. thesis seminar: Poverty, richness, inequality.

Lazarski School of Commerce and Law

2010: History of economic thought, MBA studies

University of Warsaw, Collegium Artes Liberales

2009: Globalization, standard of living and economic development in historical perspective

University of Economics and Computer Science in Warsaw

2001–2006: Microeconomics, History of economic thought

Conferences and seminars

2017: 7th Meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (New York); Understanding International Differences in Income Inequality Conference (Luxembourg)

2016: Jobs and Development Conference, World Bank (Washington)

2015: World Bank’s workshop on Fiscal Policy and Income Dynamics in the EU (Brussels), 7th International Conference Economic Challenges in Enlarged Europe (Tallin), The International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies 2015 Annual Conference (Phoenix), Quality of Life 2015 (Wrocław), Conference „Economy and Society” (Łódź), 2015 IBS Jobs Conference: Technology, skills and inequalities (Warsaw)

2014: Inequality and crises conference (Free University of Berlin), CEPS/INSTEAD seminar (Luxembourg)

2013: GINI Growing Inequalities’ Impact Final Conference (Amsterdam); Modelling and Forecasting of the National Economy (Sopot, Poland); the Fifth Meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (Bari); Research Seminar in Economics at Free University of Berlin; 9th Congress of Polish Economists (Warsaw)

2012: 3rd Polish Stata Users Group Meeting (Warsaw); National Bank of Poland seminar (Warsaw); GINI Growing Inequalities’ Impact Country Reports Workshop (Amsterdam); International Association of Research in Income and Wealth (IARIW) General Conference (Boston); GINI Growing Inequalities’ Impact Mid-term Conference (Budapest)

2011: The Fourth Meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (Catania, Italy); Statistics and its application in socio-economic analyses (Lodz, Poland); Faculty of Economics University of Warsaw annual conference (Kazimierz Dolny, Poland)

Grants and awards

2017: 2017: National Science Center research grant, *Wealth Inequality in Central and Eastern Europe*, 312 000 PLN

2015: *Inequality of opportunity and economic growth in CEE countries* (project financed by the Institute for Structural Research, together with Iga Magda)

2014–2015, a country study for Poland within the World Bank's project: *Shared prosperity in the EU11*

2014, visiting grant funded by the *Inclusive Growth Research Infrastructure Diffusion* (InGRID) project for a research visit at The Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS), April/May 2014

2014–2015, National Science Center research grant, *Poverty and inequality in various dimensions of well-being: an analysis of income distribution, life satisfaction distribution and health satisfaction distribution*, 128 280 PLN

2011–2013: GINI Growing Inequalities' Impact (member of a Polish team in a project financed by the *7th Framework Programme of the European Community*, together with Natalia Letki and Barbara Jancewicz)

2011–2012, National Bank of Poland research grant, *The impact of income polarization on economic growth*, 40 000 PLN

2011–2013, National Science Center research grant, *Parametric modeling of income and wealth distributions*, 98 000 PLN

2011, Rector's of the University of Warsaw Award (of third degree)

2011, National Bank of Poland President's Award for the best paper published in "Bank i Kredyt" journal (paper co-authored with K. Kostro, one of three awarded papers)

2010, Rector's of the University of Warsaw Award (of third degree)

2009–2011, Ministry of Science and Higher Education Grant, *Is economic growth pro-poor? Measurement and policy implications for Poland*, No. N N112 016536, 47 860 PLN

2005, START Stipend for Young Researchers (Foundation for Polish Science)

2005, First Prize in the Bank BISE competition for the best Ph.D. thesis

2005, University of Warsaw Rector's stipend

2001–2003, State Committee of Scientific Research Grant, *Social Welfare Judgement Criteria: From the History of Modern Welfare Economics*, No. 5 H02C 036 21, 25 000 PLN

Other

Reviewer for *Applied Economics*, *Applied Economics Letters*, *Social Indicators Research*, *European Sociological Review*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Ekonomia*, *Scientometrics*, *Stata Journal*, *Economics and Human Biology*, *European Journal of Health Economics*, *Wiadomości Statystyczne*, *Eastern European Economics*, *World Economy*, *Physica A*, *Journal of Informetrics*, *Journal of Economic Inequality*, *Argumenta Oeconomica*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *International Journal for Equity in Health*, *Journal of Income Distribution*, *Polish Sociological Review*

Membership in professional organizations: *The Society for the Study of Economic Inequality, American Economic Association*

Languages: English (fluent), Russian (basic)

Software: Stata (very good knowledge), Matlab (good), R (good), Latex (good)

Other interests: literature, philosophy, politics, computer programming, tennis

Personal information

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Married, one daughter

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