

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### KEY QUALIFICATIONS

Agnieszka Sowa is a sociologist (Warsaw University) and economist (Maastricht University) specializing in social policy. She has been working as an expert and consultant in national (in Poland) and international projects. As a researcher she worked specifically in the field of unemployment, poverty and social exclusion of high risk groups. She has also experience in monitoring and evaluation of social programmes, including EC funded projects. In the last years her research concentrated on problems of population ageing, health and health inequalities, especially in the NMS. She has also participated in research on health reforms in the NMS.

As a consultant she worked for the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy and Ministry of Health in Poland as well as Ministry of Welfare in Latvia.

Currently, she works on her PhD at the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance. The topic of her PhD is "Social determinants of health inequalities in Poland".

### MOST RECENT DEGREE

September 2002 – September 2003  
*Maastricht University, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration*  
MSc in Social Protection Financing

September 1995 – July 2001  
*Warsaw University, Institute of Sociology*  
MA in Sociology

June – August 1998  
*Pittsburgh University, Department of Eastern European Studies*  
American Public Policy course (6 weeks)

### CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

**November 2008 -**  
**Universiteit Maastricht, Maastricht, the Netherlands**  
PhD student

### RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

**January 2001 – August 2008: Expert, Centre for Social and Economic Research, Foundation, Warsaw, Poland**  
Participation and coordination of various research projects in the area of social policy and health policy.

**February – May 2000, World Bank, Warsaw-Cracow, Poland**  
Evaluation (including in-sites visits) of the WB Employment Promotion and Services Project targeted on local employment offices and small business promotion associations.

**RELEVANT PROJECT EXPERIENCE**

Expert in research projects, including:

1. Ageing and Health Expenditures Determinants (AHEAD), 6FP (EC project), description of health development in 5 candidate countries and new member states, modelling health expenditures
2. Research on correlates of pro-poor growth in Romania (WB project).
3. Assessment of survey data in developing countries (ILO project).
4. Quantitative research on social exclusion correlates of social assistance beneficiaries.

**RELEVANT TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**2004 – 2008 Institute of Public Health, Collegium Medicum, Jagiellonian University, Cracow**

Teaching master students social policy and social insurances.

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Speaking</b>	<b>Writing</b>
<b>English</b>	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
<b>German</b>	Good	Good	Good

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS OF PAPERS**

- Sowa A. (2008), Nierówności stanu zdrowia. Analiza wpływu zmiennych społeczno ekonomicznych (Health inequalities. Analysis of impact of social and economic factors) in: *Polityka zdrowotna wobec dostępności opieki zdrowotnej, wykluczenia i nierówności zdrowia (Health policy towards equity, social exclusion and health inequalities)* ed. Golinowska S. Instytut Pracy i Spraw Socjalnych, Warsaw
- Paczynski W., Radziwill A., Sowa A., Topinska I., Walewski M. (2007) "Romania in Transition: Growth, Jobs and Poverty" , in: *Determinants of Pro-Poor Growth. Analytical Issues and Findings from Country Cases.* ed. by Grimm M. Klasen S. and McKay A., Polgrave Macmillan New York
- Golinowska S., Sowa A., Topór-Mądry R. (2006) Health Status and Health Care Systems in Central and Eastern European Countries: Bulgaria, Estonia, Poland, Slovakia and Hungary, ENEPRI Research Reports, Brussels [http://shop.ceps.eu/BookDetail.php?item\\_id=1417](http://shop.ceps.eu/BookDetail.php?item_id=1417)
- Golinowska S., Sowa A., (2006) Health and Morbidity in the Accession Countries. Country Report – Poland, ENEPRI Research Reports, Brussels [http://shop.ceps.eu/BookDetail.php?item\\_id=1415](http://shop.ceps.eu/BookDetail.php?item_id=1415)
- Nimwegen van N., Beets G. (ed.) (2006) *Social Situation Observatory. Demography Monitor 2005. Demographic Trends, Socioeconomic Impact and Policy Implications in the European Union*, report No 72, NiDi – author of a chapter