

**The scientific fields of interests are** empirical studies on ethnic and regional issues, functioning of the civil society organizations and institutions, qualitative research methods.

Maciej Witkowski has worked in the field of Romani studies for 15 years and has published widely on Roma in Eastern Europe. He has conducted numerous ethnographic field research projects on Roma and other ethnic minorities in Central and Eastern Europe.

In his academic work, Maciej Witkowski has matched the sociological analysis of a discourse with ethnographical methods that are based on the direct participation in the researched community life. In published empirical nature studies the author has presented interrelations between public discourses understood as privileged places of the meaning creation and everyday sociological reality experience conveyed and grounded within close relations. In a very specific way, he is manifesting his interests in subjective strategies of using and manipulating the socially accessible meanings. In publications devoted to the Roma minority, residents of old industrial districts or strategies of shaping the regional Upper Silesia identity, the author paid attention to not always common sensual judgements connected to complex conditions of power relations in every social system.

**The research project contribution:**

2019 -2022 Principal Investigator in National Science Center (Poland): "Roma families and their housing. The housing situation of the Roma minority in the context of the Polish adaptation of the European Integration Policy for Roma in contemporary Poland"

2014 -2018 Principal Investigator in National Science Center (Poland): "Why "the insiders"? Why "the outsiders"? Programs and integration practices of the Roma in contemporary Poland"

2010-2014 Principal Investigator in National Science Center (Poland): "Between Roma tradition and European governance. Emic and etic perspectives in discursive articulation of cultural demands Polish Roma in European Union"

2016-2019 participation (researcher) in the Program: Erasmus + Knowledge Alliance: INTRIDE - Soft, Digital and Green Skills for Smart Designers: Designers as Innovation TRiggers for SMEs in the manufacturing sector;

2008-2011 participation (researcher) in the VII EU Framework Program research project: "Space, Place and the Historical and contemporary articulations of regional, national and European identities through work and community in areas undergoing economic Restructuring and regeneration" (SPHERE FP7-2007-SSH8-5.2.01)

2003-2005 participation (researcher) in V EU Framework Program research project: "Organized Civil Society and European Governance" (CIVGOV HSPE-CT-2002-00114);

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