

## LECTURERS AND EXPERTS FROM UNESCO JANUSZ KORCZAK CHAIR



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Prof. Adam S. Frączek - Professor of social, developmental psychology. Member of the Academia Europaea, titular professor at The Maria Grzegorzewska University (formerly: The Maria Grzegorzewska Academy of Special Education); titular Professor Emeritus at the Warsaw University.

#### Main research interests:

- Social development of children and youth, especially conditions and patterns of aggressive behaviours in adolescence;
- Psychological theory of interpersonal aggression and hostility.

#### In the past (among others):

- President of the International Society for Research on Aggression;
- Rector of the Maria Grzegorzewska Academy of Special Education (now: The Maria Grzegorzewska University - MGU);
- Deputy Director of the Institute of Psychology, Polish Academy of Sciences (PAS).

#### Presently (among others):

- Titular professor (contracted) and Chairperson of the UNESCO/Janusz Korczak Chair and Research Team on Socialization and Aggression at the MGU;
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She participated in many international projects/networks. Currently she was involved in a project on quality-based support for young people with violent behavior, with researchers from France, Germany, Sweden and Switzerland.

She has been also a member of the executive board of the European Scientific Association on Residential and Family Care for Children and Adolescents (EUSARF) and the editorial board of "International Journal of Child and FamilyWelfare".



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Her main scientific activities have included independent field research in Italy (2002-2004), UK (2004-2008) and Saudi Arabia (2010-2012). Her research work is focused on education, women and children's issues. Her main areas of expertise are an interdisciplinary approach to social inequality: gender, ethnicity, religion and the reproduction of social systems through the lens of social and critical pedagogy. [www.odrowaz-coates.com](http://www.odrowaz-coates.com)

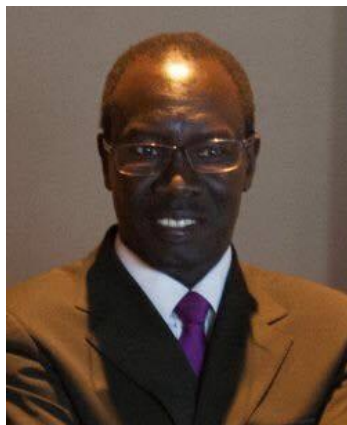


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Research interests: the area of the Balkans with a particular focus on the countries of the former Yugoslavia (Serbia, Kosovo, Serpsk Republic in Bosnia and Herzegovina) legal aspects in the field of penal studies, political science, sociology and international relations as well as internationalized armed conflict, civil war, war crimes, genocide, ethnic cleansing and conflict management (management of collective violence).



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His main specialty and interests are in the area of development, resource economics and policy. He has many published papers in the field of political science and regional conflicts in Sudan.



**Magdalena Rowicka, PhD** - Psychologist, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Psychology, researcher of methodology of psychological studies and addictions (substance and behavioural addictions), coordinator of a number of national and international research projects, author of scientific publications as well as programmes for students and practitioners working in therapy and prevention of risk behaviours.

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He has a Bachelor Degree in Primary Education and a Bachelor in Early Childhood Education. He subsequently obtained an MA in Language Acquisition in University of Essex, UK (1999).

His PhD at University of Patras was on writing abilities of pre-school age children (2006).

He has worked as teacher in primary education till 2007, when he was elected as lecturer.

He is an advocate in children's right to quality Early Childhood Education and Care. He was a leader in Greek Committee of World Organization for Early Childhood Education (OMEP) and from 2013 he is Regional Vice-President for Europe.

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An author and co- author of numerous academic publications related to trauma psychology.



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PhD (2005) based on "The School Newspaper in the Spirit of Janusz Korczak", constantly investigating Korczak's educational legacy and developing programs for implementation in the Israeli school system and society. Lecturer at Lewinsky Teacher's College: Methodology course - "Implementing the Educational Legacy of Janusz Korczak". Guest lecturer in Israel and abroad.



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She works also as a certificate psychotherapist and group analyst.



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She is a co-founder and former coordinator of the European Network of Masters in Children's Rights ([www.enmcr.net](http://www.enmcr.net)), which was established in 2004 by several European University representatives with the aim to establish Children's Rights in higher education and to promote adult attitudes that recognize and respect children as subjects of rights with own opinions and views. She coordinates the MA Childhood Studies and Children's Rights.

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The aim of her work is to find ways of redressing misconceptions about Haiti, its history, its people and offering new bodies of knowledge on Haiti. Studies and generates new forms of knowledge about Haitian families, women and children, the school system and the democratic values inherent in the Haitian religion.

Other research interests include: gender and race in education, multicultural education, Caribbean culture, socialization and identity of a child in the multicultural environment.

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