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I. Profile

Patrycja Sasnal is a political scientist, Arabist and philosopher, specializing in IR in the Middle East with a focus on migration, political violence and postcolonial theory. She is currently visiting professor at UCLA’s Institute of the Environment and Sustainability in Los Angeles. She works at the Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM) as advisor to the Director and College of Europe as head of the Academy of Migration. She serves at the Advisory Committee of the United Nations Human Rights Council, where she is the rapporteur of the UN report on “The Impact of New Technologies for Climate Protection on Human Rights”, to be adopted by the UNHRC in 2023.

She is a member of the European Council on Foreign Relations and of the Polish Ombudsman’s Expert Commission on Migration. She was a Fulbright scholar at Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University, associate researcher at the American University in Beirut and studied at Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris III. Her last book is *Arendt, Fanon and Political Violence in Islam*, published in the Routledge series in postcolonial studies. Sasnal lead several European research projects on migration, radicalization and the role of religion in sociopolitical processes. She speaks English, Arabic, French and Polish.

II. Education

*2015 - 2018* Warsaw University, Poland  
**M.A.** in Philosophy

*2010 - 2013* Jagiellonian University, Poland / Johns Hopkins University, United States  
**Ph.D.** in Political Science

*1999 - 2005* Jagiellonian University, Poland  
**M.A.** in International Relations  
Graduated with Highest Distinction

*2000 - 2005* Jagiellonian University, Poland / Sorbonne Nouvelle Paris III, France  
**M.A.** in Arabic Philology  
Graduated with Highest Distinction

III. Professional and Teaching Experience

*2023 -* Advisor to the Director, Polish Institute of International Affairs, Poland

*2022 - 2023* Visiting professor, Institute of the Environment and Sustainability, University of California Los Angeles, USA

*2021 -* Mentor of Academy of Migration, College of Europe, Natolin/Poland, Bruges/Belgium   
Course taught: *Migration and Human Rights*

*2020 -* Expert, Advisory Committee, Human Rights Council, United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland

*2022 - 2023* Rapporteur of UNHRC report “Impact of New Technologies for Climate Protection on Human Rights”

*2022 -* Chairperson of the UNHRC Advisory Committee

*2019 - 2022* Head of Research, Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM), Poland

*2007 - 2018* Head of the Middle East and North Africa Programme and Senior Research Fellow, PISM, Poland

*2018 -* Council member, European Council on Foreign Relations, UK/Germany

*2015 -* Expert, European Working Group on Egypt – advocacy group of the International Crisis Group, ECFR and Carnegie Europe

*2015 -* Expert, Commission on Migration, Office of the Ombudsman, Poland

*2014/2015* Lecturer, Jagiellonian University, Krakow & Institute for Advanced Studies, Warsaw  
Course taught: *Modern Arab Thought, Migration of ideas in the migration of peoples.*

IV. Research and grants

*2018 - 2021* Researcher - EU-LISTCO project led by Freie Universität Berlin - Europe’s External Action and the Dual Challenges of Limited Statehood and Contested Orders (Horizon 2020)

*2018 - 2019* Coordinator - “Cooperation with Religious Institutions as a European Policy Tool” Project, European Institute of the Mediterranean, Barcelona/EuroMeSCo

*2015* Co-chair (with ACPSS, Cairo; Carnegie, Beirut and GERM, Morocco) of the EuroMeSCo Working Package on “Terrorist Threat in the Euro-Mediterranean Region”

*2014* Chair of the “Role of Religion in Transition” study group – part of the “Arab transitions in comparative perspective”, a research project of the EuroMeSCo and the European Institute of the Mediterranean

*Jan 2014 - Jan 2016* Coordinator of “SPrinT” Strategic Partnership in Transition Project – run by PISM, the Finnish Institute of International Affairs, AlAhram Center for Political and Strategic Studies part of Marie Curie IRSES Fellowship in the 7th European Community Framework Programme

*May 2013* Anna Lindh Foundation Citizens for Dialogue – research project in Cairo, Egypt

*2012* Creator and coordinator of Youth-to-Youth in Transitional Diplomacy project run by PISM in Egypt (with ACPSS, Cairo), Tunisia (CEMI, Tunis) and Algeria (CSS, Algiers).

*2010/2011* Fulbright fellow – Advanced Research Grant, Center for Transatlantic Relations, Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University, Washington DC

*2004/2005* Associate, American University of Beirut, Lebanon – research project on secularization in modern Arab thought, Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund grant

*2004* Researcher at IFEAD (Institut Français d’Etudes Arabes à Damas), Damascus, Syria.

*2003/2004* Researcher at I.N.A.L.C.O. (Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales) in Paris, France.

*2003/2004* Socrates/Erasmus student – Sorbonne Nouvelle Paris 3, Paris, France.

V. Selected recent publications

A. Monographs & edited volumes

* 2019: [*Arendt, Fanon and Political Violence in Islam*](https://www.routledge.com/Arendt-Fanon-and-Political-Violence-in-Islam/Sasnal/p/book/9780367259594); Abingdon, Routledge, ISBN 9780367259594;
* (ed.) 2019: [*Cooperation with Religious Institutions as a European Policy Tool*](https://www.euromesco.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Joint-Policy-Study-14_Cooperation-with-religious-institutions-as-a-europan-policy-tool.pdf), Joint Policy Study 14, European Institute of the Mediterranean;
* 2017: [*Pseudo-stabilization. The problems of contemporary U.S. policy in the Middle East*](https://ksiegarnia.pwn.pl/Pseudostabilizacja,689473995,p.html) [in Polish], Warszawa: PWN (Polish Scientific Publishing), ISBN 978-83-01-19132-0;
* (ed.) 2015: [*Irregular migration to the European Union – implications for Poland*](https://www.pism.pl/files/?id_plik=20992) [in Polish], PISM Report, November 2015, ISBN 978-83-64895-67-8;
* 2014: [*Myths and Legends: Modern History and Nationalistic Propaganda in Egyptian Textbooks*](https://www.files.ethz.ch/isn/180939/Myths%20and%20Legends_%20Modern%20History%20and%20Nationalistic%20Propaganda%20in%20Egyptian%20Textbooks.pdf), Warszawa: PISM/FIIA, ISBN 978-83-62453-89-4;
* (eds. Behr, T., Sasnal, P.) 2012: [*Still Awake: The Beginnings of Arab Democratic Change*](https://css.ethz.ch/content/specialinterest/gess/cis/center-for-securities-studies/en/services/digital-library/publications/publication.html/154349), Helsinki, Warsaw: Finnish Institute of International Affairs & PISM, ISBN 978-83-62453-41-2;

B. Book chapters, articles & reports

* 2021 (co-authored): *Moving towards racial equality: study of the Advisory Committee on appropriate ways and means of assessing the situation*, A/HRC/48/72, UN Human Rights Council report;
* 2021 (co-authored): *The negative effects of terrorism on the enjoyment of all human rights*, A/HRC/48/66, UN Human Rights Council report;
* 2021 (co-authored): *Current levels of representation of women in human rights organs and mechanisms: ensuring gender balance*, A/HRC/47/51, UN Human Rights Council report;
* 2019: *Points of Tangency Between State and Religious Institutions in Europe – Institutionalisation of State Religion Policy*, in: Sasnal, P. (ed.) Cooperation with Religious Institutions as a European Policy Tool, Joint Policy Study 14, European Institute of the Mediterranean;
* 2018: *Domesticating the Giant: The Global Governance of Migration*, Council on Foreign Relations, New York;
* 2018: *The looming peace in Syria*, “Orient”, I/2018, Deutsches Orient Stiftung;
* 2017: *Brothers in Arms, Strangers in Love: Mapping the Trajectory of Flows Between Two Different Socio-Religious Models in Egypt and Saudi Arabia*, in: Mason, R. (ed.): Egypt and the Gulf: A Renewed Regional Policy Alliance, Berlin & London: Gerlach Press;
* 2016: *The Reasons for Radical Groups’ Appeal among European and Arab Citizens: The Case of ISIS*, [in:] Terrorist Threat in the Euro-Mediterranean, A. Mukhtar, F. Ammor, D. Ghanem-Yazbeck, P. Sasnal, Joint Policy Study 3, European Institute of the Mediterranean;
* 2016: *Faith Brings Down* Regimes. *The Role of Religion in Transitional Processes*, [in:] The Arab Transitions in a Changing World. Building Democracies in Light of International Experiences, S. Florensa (ed.), Barcelona;
* 2016: *Universal Utopia: Weighing the Reasons for the Appeal of the Islamic State*, in: PISM Strategic Files, 1 (82);
* 2015: *Poland: from onlooker to wannabe agenda-setter*, in: Behr, T., Tiilikainen, T. (eds.): Northern Europe and the Arab World: From the Cold War to the Arab Spring, Aldershot, Burlington, Singapore, Sydney: Ashgate;
* 2015: *Pulling the Rope: The Struggle between Official and Popular Islam in Egypt*, in: PISM Policy Papers, 2(104);
* *co-authored with Uzelac, A. 2014: Unaided Refugees Make ISIS Stronger: Europe and the Worst Humanitarian Crisis of the 21st Century*, in: PISM Policy Papers, 19(102);
* 2014: *Apples and Oranges? Not Really. Common Hard and Soft Security Concerns in the V4 and the Maghreb*, in: Rozsa, E., Szalai, M. (eds.): Raising Awareness – Finding Common Ground: The V4 and the Maghreb, Budapest: Hungarian Institute of International Affairs;
* 2012: *The Pessoptimist’s Arab Revolution: A Mismatch Between Social Evolution and Political Revolution*, Insight Turkey, 14/4;
* 2011: *Market Dynamics, Strategic Interactions and Balance of Power in the Mediterranean Region*, in: Morillas, P. (ed.) EUROMED+15: New Paths of cooperation Across the Mediterranean, EuroMeSCo/IEMed;

C. Policy papers and press articles

* 2022: *Russia’s Invasion of Ukraine Will Have Lasting Implications*, Global Memo, Council on Foreign Relations, 3 March 2022;
* 2021: *How We Fell Into a Dictator’s Twisted Trap*, TheDailyBeast.com, 15 November 2021;
* 2021 (co-authored): *Why Europe needs a rights-based policy after the Gaza conflict*, European Council on Foreign Relations, 8 June 2021;
* 2020: *Mistaking Panacea for Pathogens: The Case for Existential Multilateralism* in: CFR (eds.) Challenges of Global Governance Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic, Council on Foreign Relations, May 2020;
* 2020 (co-authored with El Menouar, Y.): *There’s a social pandemic poisoning Europe: hatred of Muslims*, The Guardian, 28 September 2020;
* 2020 (co-authored): *The UN at Seventy-Five: How to Make it Relevant Again*, Council on Foreign Relations, September 2020;
* 2020: *How Europe should fight violent Islamist extremism*, European Council on Foreign Relations, 8 December 2020;
* co-authored with Fahmi, G. 2020: *State Religious Institutions in the MENA: Can They Prevent Violent Radicalization?*, EU-LISTCO Policy Paper Series, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB),
* 2019: Peace According to Real Estate Dealers, EuroMeSCo Policy Brief no. 102, 25 October 2019, Barcelona;
* أسباب جاذبية الجماعات الراديكالية بين المواطنين الأوروبيين والعرب, Al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies/EuroMeSCo, April 2017;
* 2017: *Expating Democracy: Dissidents, Technology, and Democratic Discourse in the Middle East by Nir T. Boms*, review article for the Israeli Journal of Foreign Affairs, March 2017;
* 2016: *The International Dimension of the Fight for Aleppo in Syria*, Center for Security Studies, Zurich;
* 2016 (co-authored with Quercia, P., Smith, J., Volker, K.): *NATO in Libya: A Long-term Plan for Stability*, in: PISM Policy Papers, 11 (152);
* 2015: *Saudi Arabia: On the Inside Track in* *Egypt*, The Globalist, July 2015;
* 2014: *Syria and Egypt: Two Counterrevolutions in Action*, The Globalist, 3 June;
* 2013: *Recession and terrorism foster Islamophobia in EU*, Public Service Europe, 29 May;
* 2012: *Egypt’s Foreign Policy: Post-Western and Pan-Islamic*, Euro-Mediterranean Study Commission Brief 34;
* 2012: *Six Milion Mubaraks*, International Relations and Security Network (ISN), 23 July;
* 2011 : *Du faux chocolat et de l’islam politique*, «Le Monde», 5 December.