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Tytuł pracy: Sociopolitical cleavages in Poland after 1989

This dissertation studies political parties and organized interests in Poland after the collapse of Communism. The cleavage theory of Lipset and Rokkan is formulated and empirically tested, including the assessment of the robustness of linkage between political parties and interest groups and trade unions.

The theory-driven chapters include the analysis of party systems, political parties and then, civil society, particularly in the process of democratic transformation. The empirical chapters include the analysis of electoral behavior of trade unions and interest groups. The last chapter concerns the hypothesis of so called cartel parties in Poland.

The empirical data comes from the multinational project - Comparative Interest Group Survey. The major advantage is the pioneer-type of the project, as it is the first attempt to map the population ecology of the Polish interest groups, including their contacts with political parties.

We stress the importance of relations between political actors and organized interests for Polish polity. Such relations are unquestionably the key element for democratic processes, as well as they tend to elevate the role of civil society and transparent relations in the democratic governance.