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The first PATHES conference in Aarhus immediately caught my attention - as a philosopher by training and a social scientist involved in university research as well as policy work, collaboration with student movements and trade unions, I was looking for a place and people where and with whom I could productively resolve the identity contradictions plaguing me. I have been a regular member of the Society since 2017 and have been trying to successively and regularly increase my efforts in working for the Society. Standing for election as a PATHES board at-large member seems to me a natural step on this path. Last academic year I co-organised a seminar on Ontology and the University for our members, as well as got involved on behalf of PATHES in the organisation of the annual conference. As a at-large member of the Board, I plan to intensify these activities and organise further events in dialogue with the members, as well as putting efforts into expanding our base to include members from post-socialist countries.

I am a Marxist philosopher of higher education, and I developed the foundations of my theory most recently in my book Capital in Higher Education: A Critique of the Political Economy of the Sector (Palgrave 2023). I am currently leading a major research project entitled „Origins and development of the peripheral academic capitalism in Poland (1990-2021)”. I work in the Scholarly Communication Research Group at the Faculty of Philosophy, Adam Mickiewicz University Poznań, Poland.

Vote for me is a vote for dedication, passion and vigour in making things done in upcoming PATHES activities.