


Potential Supervisor at the KUL Doctoral School

Research profile	
Name, surname, postdoctoral degree or a professor degree in a discipline	Tomasz Stępniewski, DSc (habilitation), Associate Professor at KUL
Scientific discipline: (according to disciplines offered by the KUL Doctoral School)	Political science and administration (habilitation, Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences, 2014)
Research profile: www address, Research Gate profile or Academia.edu profile	KUL profile: https://pracownik.kul.pl/tomasz.stepniewski ORCID: 0000-0002-4581-5145 ResearchGate: https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Tomasz-Stepniewski
Research interests (areas of scientific research currently conducted)	International relations in Central and Eastern Europe; geopolitics of the post-Soviet space; EU Eastern Policy and Eastern Partnership; international and European security; NATO's Eastern Flank; Russia's war against Ukraine; Russian revisionism in international affairs; Poland's foreign policy.
Three most important publications within four calendar years (2022-2025)	1. T. Stępniewski, "Russia's War on Ukraine: Geopolitics, International Law, and Genocide", <i>Rocznik Instytutu Europy Środkowo-Wschodniej</i> [Yearbook of the Institute of East-Central Europe], 2023. 2. T. Stępniewski, "From Vilnius to Washington, D.C.: NATO's Adaptation and its Impact on Central and Eastern Europe", <i>Studia Europejskie – Studies in European Affairs</i> , 2024. 3. T. Stępniewski, "Conflict as a Strategic Imperative in Putin's Political Agenda: A Fundamental Component of Russia's Strategic Framework", <i>Studia Europejskie – Studies in European Affairs</i> , 2024.
Successful research grant applications at least at a nationwide level (max.6 grants):	Research grants and projects carried out within the Institute of Central Europe in Lublin (formerly IESW) and KUL, concerning the geopolitics of the post-Soviet space, international security, and NATO's Eastern Flank. Full details available at: https://pracownik.kul.pl/tomasz.stepniewski/dorobek
Experience in PhD supervision	
Number of PhD already promoted	2
Number of currently supervised PhD students	0

Number of currently supervised PhD students before opening doctoral dissertation/program	2
Number of currently supervised PhD students at the KUL Doctoral School	2
Offer and requirements for candidates	
Potential PhD project topics which the supervisor would like to supervise	International relations in Central and Eastern Europe; geopolitics and security of the post-Soviet space; NATO's and EU's Eastern Flank; EU Eastern Policy (Eastern Partnership, European Neighbourhood Policy); European and international security; Russia's war against Ukraine and its geopolitical consequences; Russian revisionism and hybrid threats.
Number of PhD students the supervisor would like to supervise	1-2
Requirements for candidates (e.g., research interests; current achievements; scientific, social or linguistic competences)	Research interests consistent with the supervisor's areas of expertise; English language proficiency (minimum B2 level); motivation to conduct independent scholarly research; conference and publication activity.
Place for PhD individual work offered (e.g., laboratory, common room)	Access to KUL research infrastructure (library, databases, seminar rooms); possibility of using the resources of the Institute of Central Europe in Lublin.
Fundings for PhD research offered (e.g., grant)	Possibility of applying for funding within research grants and projects carried out by KUL and the Institute of Central Europe; support in applying for scholarships and grants from NCN/NAWA (National Science Centre / Polish National Agency for Academic Exchange).
Contact (e-mail, link to the Teams meetings)	E-mail: tomasz.stepniewski@kul.pl Institute of Political Science and Administration, KUL, Al. Rackławickie 14, 20-950 Lublin, Poland
Statements	
I declare that I meet all the requirements for supervisors at the KUL Doctoral School.	Signature 

I consent to this card being posted on the website of the KUL Doctoral School.

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