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He completed advocate training at the Krakow District Bar Council, and passed the bar exam in 2015. Between 2010 and 2014, he collaborated with the Jagiellonian Club as an international relations analyst. At the same time, he was involved with the Republic Foundation Centre of Analysis. From 2012 to 2015, he was a lecturer at the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow, and from 2013 to 2015, he was president of the board of the Politics and Diplomacy Foundation, a think-tank. Between 2015 and 2019, he served as deputy director of the Foreign Affairs Office at the Chancellery of the Polish President.

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Prof. Wolczuk specialises in East European politics. Currently she is researching relations between the EU and the post-Soviet countries within the framework of the European Neighbourhood Policy and the Eastern Partnership. She is also conducting research on Russia's role in the 'shared neighbourhood' and any potential impact for EU's role and policies in the post-Soviet space.



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Previously she studied the dynamics of state-building in Ukraine, as well as the conception of nationhood and national identity in Central and Eastern Europe. Her research interests also included Polish-Ukrainian relations in the context of EU enlargement and relations between Ukraine and the enlarged EU.

Professor Wolczuk contributed to numerous policy-related initiatives and cooperated with and advised a number of UK governmental bodies, international organisations and think-tanks on East European politics, the consequences of EU enlargement and the relations between the EU and its eastern neighbours. She has extensive media experience, including TV and radio interviews, as well as publications in the British and international press.





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