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His main research interests include standards of living, poverty and social exclusion, income insecurity, labour precarisation, welfare economics, social economy, socio-economic transformations of rural areas, and the concept of smart villages. In his research, he pays particular attention to disparities in living conditions in rural areas, the social consequences of inequalities, rural poverty, energy poverty, and the relationships between public policy, local development, and the quality of life of rural residents.

He is the author and co-author of numerous scientific publications, reports, expert studies, and analyses concerning the socio-economic issues of rural areas. His publications include, among others, *Ubóstwo ludności wiejskiej województwa wielkopolskiego* (*Poverty among the Rural Population of the Wielkopolska Voivodeship*), *Poziom życia ludności wiejskiej o niepewnych dochodach* (*The Standards of Living of the Rural Population with Insecure Incomes*), *Moja sytuacja w okresie koronawirusa* (*My Situation During the Coronavirus Period*), and *Koncepcja smart villages. Przykłady z Polski* (*The Smart Villages Concept: Examples from Poland*). He was also a co-author of *Diagnozy Młodzieży 2026* (*Youth Diagnosis 2026*), a study devoted to the situation, needs, and aspirations of young people in Poland. In addition, he has authored and co-authored articles published in both national and international journals, as well as expert reports prepared for public institutions and organisations involved in rural development, social policy, and quality of life issues. He actively participates in public debate as an expert commentator on issues concerning rural Poland, social inequalities, poverty, and development policy. Privately, he is a folklorist.