



Jan Winiński **(1938 - 2016)**

He was an esteemed economist, highly regarded both in Poland and abroad. He excelled as an academic teacher, a sharp-witted publicist, a dedicated social activist, and an engaged participant in public affairs.

He earned his degree from the Main School of Planning and Statistics, and went on to defend his doctoral dissertation at the Faculty of Law and Administration of the University of Warsaw in 1971. In 1978, he achieved habilitation in the field of international political economy. His areas of specialization included system comparativism, macroeconomics, institutional economics, and international economic relations.

In recognition of his academic accomplishments, he was bestowed with an honorary doctorate from the University of Gdańsk in 2001. He was affiliated with numerous research centers throughout his career. Initially, from 1971 to 1973, he worked at the Department of Economic Policy of the Centre for Scientific, Technical, and Economic Information. Subsequently, he served as a research fellow at the Polish Institute of International Affairs from 1973 to 1982. In 1982, he joined the Department of Management Sciences at the Polish Academy of Sciences, but was dismissed in 1984 due to his involvement with the underground "Solidarity" movement, for which he served as an economic advisor to NSZZ "S". From 1985 onwards, he worked as a researcher at the Institute of Labour and Social Affairs. In the late 1980s, he also lectured at the Catholic University of Lublin, where he co-founded the Economic Section. The section provided education to students based on Western programs and organized conferences at which independent economists presented ideas for economic reform.

In post-communist Poland, he held the position of Professor and Head of the Department of International Economic Relations at the European University-Viadrina in Frankfurt (Oder) from 1994 to 2003. Prior to that, he served as Dean and Professor at the University of Information Technology in Łódź. Since 2003, he has been an associate professor at the University of Information Technology and Management in Rzeszów. Additionally, he taught at Aalborg University in Denmark and the Rev. Józef Tischner European School in Kraków.

He became the first representative of Poland on the Board of Directors at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development from 1991 to 1993. Established in 1989 and operational since 1991, the bank focuses on facilitating the transition to market-oriented economies. From 2000 to 2010, he served as an economic advisor to WestLB Polska S.A. He resigned from the position when he was appointed to the Monetary Policy Council for his third term from 2010 to 2016.

He co-founded the Adam Smith Centre in 1990 and served as its President until 1995. In 1993, he was a co-founder of the TEP - Society of Polish Economists and served as its long-standing chairman. In recognition of his efforts in strengthening Poland's position on the international stage, he received the Award of Honour "Bene Merito" in 2012.

He gained widespread recognition as an unwavering advocate of market economics, earning him the prestigious Kisiel Award in 1992. His insightful articles and columns were published in widely circulated newspapers, weeklies, as well as regional press. He considered it his mission to impart economic literacy to the Polish people, a goal that was further advanced through the activities of the TEP organization. He fearlessly engaged in intellectual debates, staunchly defending his viewpoints with precision and often sharpness. Moreover, he displayed a profound passion for promoting economic knowledge and the ideals of freedom among young academics and secondary school teachers. In recognition of these efforts, the Society of Polish Economists, under his leadership, was honored with the esteemed Sir Antony Fisher International Prize for their innovative projects worldwide by the American Atlas Foundation in 2007.

He authored over 103 scientific papers published in both domestic and international journals. Despite battling a serious illness, his dedication and productivity remained unwavering until the very end. In 2014, Edward Elgar published his book titled "Economic Futures of the West," offering insightful perspectives on the subject. In 2015, the publishing house Peter Lang released his memoir titled "Memoirs of a (Highly) Political Economist." Furthermore, in 2016, he found time to publish "Shortcut or Piecemeal: Economic Development Strategies and Structural Change" through Central European University Publications, summarizing his extensive reflections on economic development.