



**APPLICATION OF A POTENTIAL SUPERVISOR in the recruitment process of doctoral students and participants and/or TUTOR/SCIENTIFIC TUTOR of the extramural/external mode ("mode E") at SWPS University**

<p><b>Name and surname</b> of the supervisor</p>	<p><b>Dr. Katarzyna Growiec, associate professor at SWPS University</b></p>
<p><b>Name of the research center/research group/artistic group</b> to which the supervisor belongs</p>	<p><b>Health &amp; Coping Research Group</b></p>
<p><b>List</b> of the most important scientific publications, completed and ongoing research grants; link to ORCID and/or to the ResearchGate / Academia.edu profile (or other website presenting scientific/artistic achievements)</p>	<p><b>Scientific publications:</b></p> <p>Eriksson, K., Strimling, P., Vartanova, I. <i>et al.</i> Everyday norms have become more permissive over time and vary across cultures. <i>Communications Psychology</i> <b>3</b>, 145 (2025). <a href="https://doi.org/10.1038/s44271-025-00324-4">https://doi.org/10.1038/s44271-025-00324-4</a></p> <p>Liu, Y., Stivers, A. W., Murphy, R. O., Van Doesum, N. J., Joireman, J., Gallucci, M., Aharonov-Majar, E., Athenstaedt, U., Bai, L., Böhm, R., Buchan, N. R., Chen, X.-P., Dumont, K. B., Engelmann, J. B., Eriksson, K., Euh, H., Fiedler, S., Friesen, J., Gächter, S., ... Van Lange, P. A. M. (2024). Wherefore art thou competitors? How situational affordances help differentiate among prosociality, individualism, and competition. <i>European Journal of Personality</i>, 0(0). <a href="https://doi.org/10.1177/08902070241298850">https://doi.org/10.1177/08902070241298850</a></p> <p>Growiec, K., Czupryna, M., J. Growiec (2024). "Values and economic performance across European welfare state regimes: Direct and indirect effects through social capital, human capital and managerial skills" <i>PLoS ONE</i>, 19(2): e0298667.</p> <p>Growiec, K. (2023). „Social Networks Dynamics in the Context of Age: an Empirical Investigation” <i>Social Indicators Research</i>, vol. 170: 675-711.</p> <p>Andrighetto, G., Szekely, A., Guido, A. <i>et al.</i> Changes in social norms during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic across 43 countries. <i>Nature Communications</i> <b>15</b>, 1436 (2024). <a href="https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-024-44999-5">https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-024-44999-5</a></p> <p>Growiec, K., Growiec, J., &amp; Kamiński, B. (2022). „It Matters Whom You Know: Mapping the Links Between Social Capital, Trust and Willingness to Cooperate” <i>Studia Sociologiczne</i>, vol. 2 (245): 59-83.</p>

Eriksson, K., Strimling, P., Gelfand, M. *et al.* Perceptions of the appropriate response to norm violation in 57 societies. *Nature Communications* **12**, 1481 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-021-21602-9>

Growiec, K., Growiec, J., & Kamiński, B. (2020). "Emergence of Small-World Networks in an Overlapping-Generations Model of Social Dynamics, Trust and Economic Performance" *JASSS - Journal of Artificial Societies and Social Simulation*, **23**(2), Article 8.

Growiec, K., Growiec, J. & Kamiński, B. (2018), "Social network structure and the trade-off between social utility and economic performance", *Social Networks*, vol. 55: 31-46.

Growiec, K., Growiec, J. (2016). "Bridging Social Capital and Individual Earnings: Evidence for an Inverted U". *Social Indicators Research*, vol. 127: 601-631.

Growiec, K., Growiec, K. (2014), "Trusting Only Whom You Know, Knowing Only Whom You Trust: The Joint Impact of Social Capital and Trust on Happiness in CEE Countries", *Journal of Happiness Studies*, vol. 15, issue 5: 1015-1040.

**Research grants:**

Project: LONELY-EU, funded by The European Commission.  
Duration: 01 February 2025 – 31 January 2027. Role: Work Package Leader

Project: "Need for Cognitive Closure, Self-esteem, Agency, and Communitarity in Participation in Social Networks", funded by the National Science Centre (NCN), Duration: 02 July 2020 – 01 July 2025. Role: Principal Investigator.

Project: "Values and Economic Performance: A Formalised Agent-Based Model", funded by DFG (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft) and the National Science Centre (NCN) (Beethoven Classic 3 – Polish-German Funding Initiative).  
Duration: 01 April 2019 – 31 March 2024. Role: Lead Researcher.

Project: "Social Network Structure and Propensity to Cooperate and Individual Income: A Simulation Model and Empirical Results", funded by the National Science Centre (NCN). Duration: 2014–2017. Role: Lead Researcher.

	<p>Project: “<i>Beyond ‘Old’ and ‘New’ Media – Communication Competencies of Poles</i>”, Fundacja Projekt: Polska, funded by the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage. Duration: 2012–2013.</p> <p>Individual project: “<i>Social Capital, Social Trust and the Economic Crisis – The Case of Iceland</i>”, funded by EEA &amp; Norway Grants. Project location: University of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland. Duration: 10 March 2010 – 30 June 2010. Role: Principal Investigator. Active participation in 100% of the project tasks.</p> <p>Project: “<i>The Impact of Social Capital on Central and Eastern European Countries’ Economic Performance: Similarities and Differences</i>”, funded by the Global Development Network (Regional Research Competition 2009). Project leader. Duration: January 2009 – June 2010. Role: Principal Investigator. Active participation in 50% of the project tasks.</p> <p><b>Important links:</b></p> <p><a href="https://orcid.org/0000-0002-4448-2561">https://orcid.org/0000-0002-4448-2561</a>  <a href="https://lonelinessineurope.eu/">https://lonelinessineurope.eu/</a>  <a href="https://english.swps.pl/we-the-university/our-news-and-events/awards-and-recognition/34257-dr-katarzyna-growiec-receives-horizon-europe-funding-for-lonely-eu-project">https://english.swps.pl/we-the-university/our-news-and-events/awards-and-recognition/34257-dr-katarzyna-growiec-receives-horizon-europe-funding-for-lonely-eu-project</a></p>
<p><b>Discipline</b> for a future doctoral dissertation (possible: sociology, political and administrative sciences, culture and religion sciences, literary studies, psychology, fine arts and art conservation)</p>	<p>psychology</p>
<p><b>A brief description</b> of the research directions pursued by the supervisor (a few sentences describing the scientific/artistic specialization; main research problems; scientific interests) and a possible link to the website/research team</p>	<p>Prof. Katarzyna Growiec is a social and personality psychologist, specializing in the <b>personality-related determinants of social processes</b>. She conducts research on <b>social capital and social trust</b>, exploring how personality traits influence people’s engagement in social networks and their trust in others. Prof. Growiec studies connections between <b>social capital, psychological well-being, and overall welfare</b>, and her work has been published in international journals such as <i>Journal of Happiness Studies</i>, <i>Social Indicators Research</i>, <i>European Societies</i>, and <i>Journal of Youth Studies</i>. Recently, she has been involved in research on the <b>causes and consequences of loneliness and social isolation</b>, including her leadership role in the EU-funded <b>LONELY-EU project</b>, which aims to assess the economic costs of social isolation and loneliness across Europe.</p>

<b>Thematic areas</b> of planned doctoral dissertations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Social capital</b></li> <li>- <b>Social network</b></li> <li>- <b>Social trust</b></li> <li>- <b>Loneliness and social isolation</b></li> </ul>	
<b>Number of people</b> that the supervisor / scientific supervisor would be able to accept as a result of recruitment in the academic year 2026/2027:	<b>to the Doctoral School</b> (doctoral scholarship financed by SWPS University)	Number: 1
	<b>for national and international research projects or grants</b> (doctoral scholarship financed from grant funds)	Number: 0 Project name:
	<b>to the Industrial Doctorate program</b> (doctoral scholarship financed by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education)	Number: 0
	<b>for external mode</b> (no doctoral scholarship)	Number: 0
<b>Number</b> of currently conducted doctorates:	in Doctoral School	Number: 0
	in external mode	Number: 0
<b>The number of doctoral students promoted so far</b> , along with the year of completing their doctoral degrees:	0	
<b>RECRUITMENT</b> <b>Candidates should contact their selected potential supervisors who are members of centers and/or research teams</b>		
<b>Conditions</b> to be met by the candidate in the field of: scientific interests; scientific competences; achievements to date; knowledge of foreign languages; social competences; availability, etc.	<p>The candidate is expected to demonstrate a clear and genuine interest in their scientific discipline, with a solid foundation in relevant theories and research methods. Prior academic achievements, such as publications, conference participation, or research projects, will be highly valued.</p> <p>Proficiency in English is necessary for effective communication within the international academic community, as well as for accessing up-to-date scientific literature.</p> <p>Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to collaborate constructively with supervisors, peers, and interdisciplinary teams are essential, reflecting the collaborative and supportive environment of SWPS Doctoral School.</p> <p>Finally, the candidate should be fully available and committed to pursuing their doctoral research with dedication and discipline, meeting the requirements and timelines set by the Doctoral School.</p>	
<b>Preferences</b> regarding contact with the candidate during recruitment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-mail contact: please provide e-mail address: <i>kgrowiec@swps.edu.pl</i> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone contact: <i>please provide phone number:</i> _____	

	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal meetings ( <i>by prior arrangement by e-mail/telephone</i> ) <input type="checkbox"/> All forms of contact
<b>Preferred dates, times and location</b> (in the period March-June 2026) in order to conduct an interview with the candidate	Any time except for 22-29.03.2026 AND 22-25.06.2026
<b>Information</b> about possible absence preventing candidates from contacting a potential supervisor (with dates)	22-29.03.2026 AND 22-25.06.2026