

## BOOKS RECOMMENDED

### **Algorithms, Artificial Intelligence and Beyond**

#### **Theorising Society and Culture of the 21st Century**

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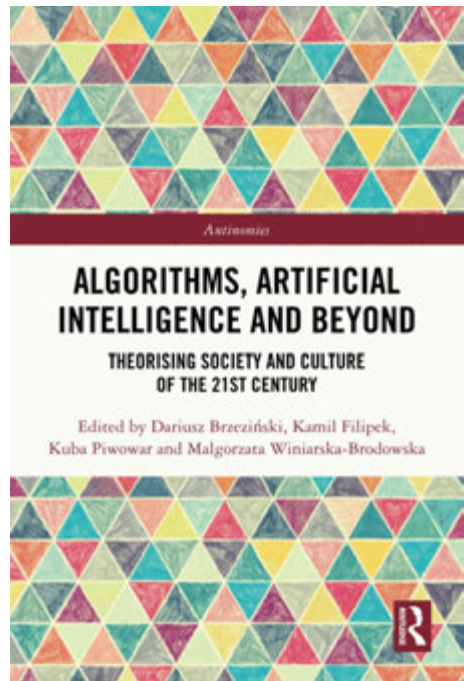
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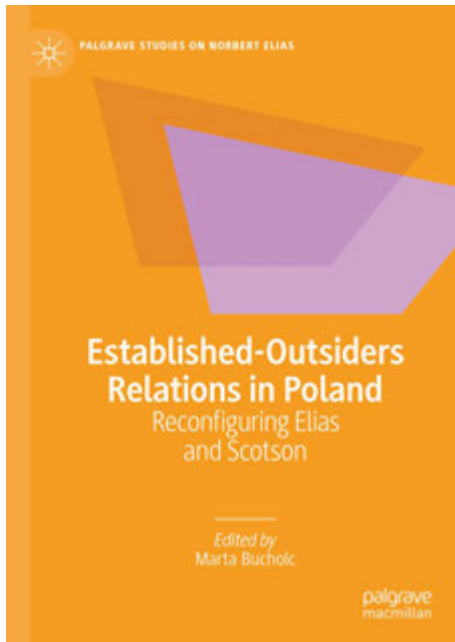
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This volume brings together eminent scholars from various parts of the world, representing different fields of knowledge in order to explore the social, cultural, political and economic effects of the development of new technologies.

On the one hand, the book contextualises the discussion of algorithms and artificial intelligence (AI) within the broader framework of the digital revolution, on the other it also examines individual experiences and practices. Moreover, in light of the speed at which algorithms and AI are being incorporated into various aspects of life, contributors also question the ethical implications of their development. The widespread development of AI and algorithmic solutions is one of the most important contemporary phenomena. It has an overwhelming impact on the social and cultural life of the 21st century. In this context, one can point to both exciting examples of the application of algorithms and AI in business and popular culture, as well as the challenges of widening social inequality or the expanding scope of surveillance.

The scope of the impact of algorithms and AI makes the formation of new theoretical frameworks vital. This is the aim of this book, which will be of interest to academics within the humanities and social sciences with an interest in technology and the impact of algorithms and AI on society and culture.





## **Established-Outsiders Relations in Poland**

### **Reconfiguring Elias and Scotson**

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This book uses Norbert Elias and John L. Scotson's *The Established and The Outsiders* to map selected established-outsiders figurations in Poland after 1989. Looking at gender and sexual orientation, nationalism and patriotism, race and class, antifeminism and homophobia, elitist and populist imaginaries, religious and political ideals and ideologies, hate speech, and the crisis of the

rule of law, this book tracks how inequalities are transformed into figurations of the have and the have-nots by way of spatial, symbolic and institutional exclusion. This edited collection is rooted in a socio-historical understanding of the trajectory of Polish society before and since the fall of Communism over thirty years ago, and a critical assessment of the dramatic turn that Polish society has taken since the beginning of the democratic backsliding in 2015.

## Death and Funeral Practices in Poland

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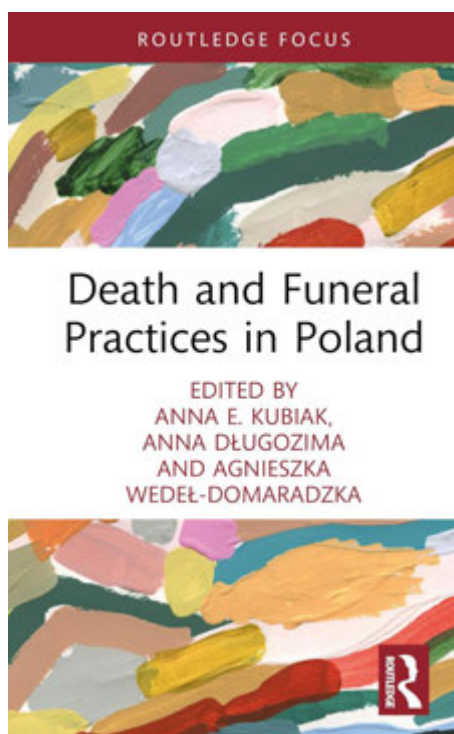
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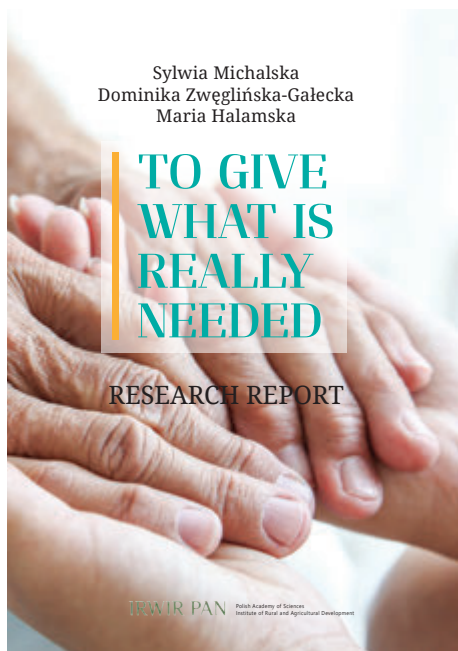
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This book provides a shortform definitive reference text on funerary practice in Poland. An overview of the important features of the Polish funeral law, funerals, cremations, cemeteries, and funeral industry, the book also covers the demographic characteristic of mortality in Poland.

Drawing on original empirical research, the book is interdisciplinary, which facilitates further transnational comparative research on this important topic. It is the first book to offer a broad look

at the evolution and current status of Polish funerary practices. It provides an essential summary to researchers with an interest in funeral practices in Poland. Some of the areas explored are the country's historical development, the contemporary legal framework and how Poland manages its cemeteries, crematoria and other death spaces. Built on original ethnographic research conducted by the authors, this book interprets the predominance of Catholic funerals, examines the relatively recent history of cremation, and contextualizes the practices of commemoration and memorialisation. This interdisciplinary book will be of interest to academics, policymakers and practitioners interested in the historic, geographic, demographic, (multi)cultural and political context in which the funerary practices in Poland have developed, as well as the technical and professional aspects of the industry.





## To Give What Is Really Needed

### Research Report

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This book presents the process of implementation and effects of social innovation, tested in the project “To give what is really needed... An innovative model of professional home care for dependent, terminally, and chronically ill people and support for their caregivers in rural areas. It was

one of seven innovations selected for testing by the European Commission in the Call for proposals on social innovation and national reforms—long-term care. The aim was to find actions that could become model solutions as the most promising to respond to the pressing needs of the aging rural population and problems with access to appropriate services. The innovation was a new model of home hospice care in rural areas. A key stage of innovation was a multi-level construction model, a sustainable partnership of local institutions, called a network. “Networking” covered state and non-governmental institutions providing care and professional medical and social support. In addition, the local Coordinator of Care for Dependent Persons (KOOZ) position has been created. The task of the KOOZ was to coordinate activities leading to the improvement of the possibilities and quality of cooperation and the availability of services addressed to the elderly and dependent people and people caring for them daily. The third goal of the implemented model was to strengthen the available resources of professionals, who should provide the most adequate support, in response to the real and well-diagnosed needs of innovation beneficiaries. Researchers observed all implementations of the innovation process, and qualitative and quantitative studies were carried out in the Podlaskie and Podkarpackie communes.

As a result of the activities undertaken in the innovation, recommendations were developed jointly with the provincial and national authorities, containing assumptions regarding the necessary systemic reforms, the construction of the long-term care system, and care for terminally ill and dependent people and their caregivers—in their homes, in the countryside.