

BOOKS RECOMMENDED

Reintroducing Florian Znaniecki

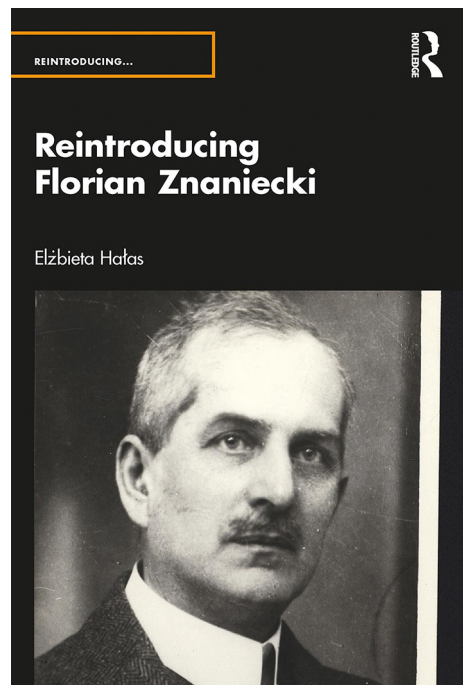
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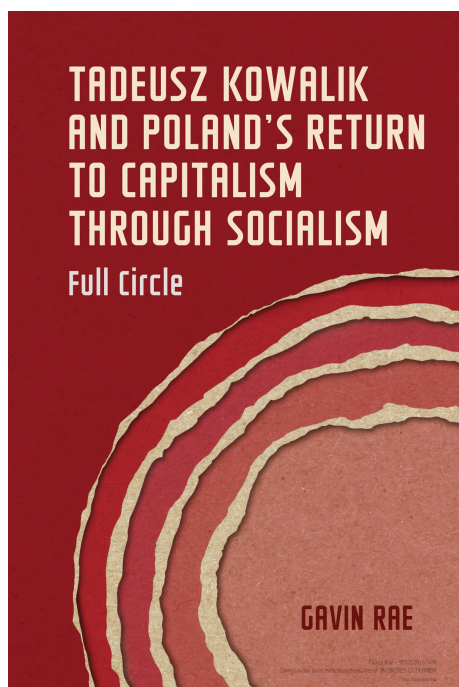
London: Routledge, 2025, 192 Pages
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This book reintroduces the work of Florian Znaniecki (1882–1958) as an innovative constructor of modern sociology who viewed the processes of modernity through the prism of culture and rediscovers his relational thought on the emergence and transformation of cultural and social systems. Exploring the contribution of Znaniecki's philosophy of culturalism to the cultural approach in sociology, it shows the importance of Znaniecki's work for the foundation of sociology as one of the cultural sciences. Through an examination of his work on the world society from a cultural perspective, the author reveals Znaniecki to have been a pioneer of global sociology and shows that sociology has much to gain from a fuller appreciation of his legacy in its understanding of processes of social and cultural change.

Aimed at students and researchers of sociology, *Reintroducing Florian Znaniecki* will appeal to those with interests in the dynamics of culture, the cultural sciences, theoretical sociology, and sociological methods. It presents stimulating analytical concepts and offers inspiration for research in many areas, including knowledge, science, education, creative leadership, the emergence of modern nations and world society.

Book Series The 'Reintroducing' series offers concise and accessible books that remind us of the importance of sociological theorists whose work, while constituting a significant and lasting contribution to the discipline, is no longer widely discussed. With each volume examining the major themes in thought of a particular figure and the context in which this work came about, as well as its reception and enduring relevance to contemporary social science, the books in this series will appeal to scholars and students of sociology seeking to rediscover the work of important but often neglected sociologists.





**Tadeusz Kowalik
and Poland's Return to Capitalism
through Socialism**

Full circle

By
Gavin Rae

Manchester University Press, 2025, 240 Pages

ISBN: 9781526167385

Tadeusz Kowalik lived through ten decades and three economic and political systems in Poland. He combined his academic study of economic ideas with his socialist ideals of building a fairer and more just society. This book covers the intellectual and political work of Kowalik, within the context of modern Polish history. Kowalik was part of a Polish School of critical left-wing political economists, that included Michal Kalecki and Os-

kar Lange. Kowalik contributed to the body of work produced by this group, which included his interpretation of their work. Kowalik participated in some of the most momentous events in post-war Polish history, helping to organise a group of intellectuals to advise the shipyard workers at the Gdansk shipyards in 1980. He became a vehement critic of Poland's neoliberal form of capitalism and left a body of work that illuminates our understanding of capitalism and socialism today.

**Social Mobility
and Unequal Chances**

Polish Panel Survey POLPAN

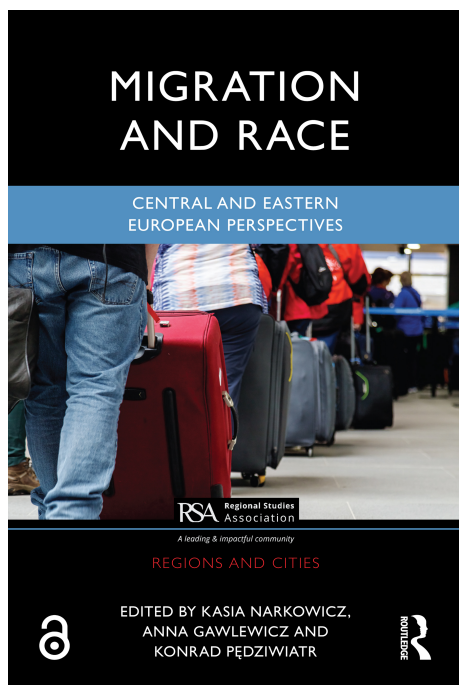
Edited by
Kazimierz M. Slomczynski et al.

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This volume presents a variety of approaches to studying social mobility and unequal life chances in contemporary Poland. All chapters are based on data from the Polish Panel Survey POLPAN, which began in 1987–1988. Some chapters cover a thirty-year period, but most focus on the second decade of the current century. Interpretations of the results draw on diverse theoretical traditions in the sociology of social structures. The authors hope that this book will be of interest to specialists in various fields of social sciences at home and abroad.





Migration and Race

Central and Eastern European Perspectives

Edited by

**Kasia Narkowicz, Anna Gawlewicz,
Konrad Pędziwiatr**

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Increasing and changing migration trends between Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) and Western European locations, as well as those from outside of Europe to CEE, pose new challenges for the regional study of race and racialisation, including growing diversity and the tightening of border security. This book brings together a range of established and emerging scholars of CEE migration, race, whiteness and post- and decoloniality to ex-

plore these themes from/to and within Central and Eastern Europe.

The book includes chapters on Bulgarians, Lithuanians, Romanians, Hungarians, Czechs, Ukrainians and Poles, including Polish Roma, in Western Europe and CEE as well as non-CEE migrants at the Polish-Belarus border. The book showcases different aspects of racialisation processes and how they intersect with class and gender, among others, in the context of CEE migrations. The approach of this book is anti-racist and decolonial, in the sense that it builds on decolonial scholarship from and on the region and pushes against discourses of CEE as 'lagging behind' and 'catching up' that have dominated the scholarship so far. The decolonial perspective on these issues will contribute to urgent critical debates by providing in-depth cross-country insights beyond theoretical argumentation to a renewed global public debate on issues of race and migration.

The book is aimed at an international audience of researchers, scholars and students, policy analysts, third sector specialists and those concerned with decolonial perspectives, migration, and race and racialisation in the context of Central and Eastern Europe countries.