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1. Personal Details

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Current position:	Assistant Professor (adiunktka), Institute of Legal Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences (Polska Akademia Nauk, PAN) Assistant Professor (part-time), Florence School of Regulation and Finance (EUI)
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2. Education

2014 – 2020	Ph.D. Law, European University Institute (Florence)
2014 – 2015	L.L.M. Comparative, European and International Laws, European University Institute (Florence)
2012 – 2014	P.Dip. Economic Policy, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London (distance learning)
2009 – 2010	M.A. European Interdisciplinary Studies, College of Europe (Natolin) (best student in Internal Market specialization)
2007 – 2008	Erasmus Exchange (Law Faculty, Università degli Studi di Siena)
2005 – 2009	B.A. European Social and Political Studies, University College London (first class honours)

3. Academic Affiliations

Research Positions

2022 - 2023	Faculty of Social Sciences, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (Postdoctoral Fellow)
2021 -	Institute of Law Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN) (Assistant Professor)
2020 -	European Banking Institute (Associate Researcher)
2018 – 2019	Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (Research Associate)

2017 – 2019 Florence School of Banking and Regulation (RSCAS, Florence)
(Researcher)

Teaching Positions

2023 - Florence School of Banking and Regulation, European University
Institute (Part-Time Assistant Professor)

2023 - Postgraduate Diploma in Sustainable Finance, University of Warsaw
(Academic Board Member, Lecturer)

2022 - EBI Master in EU Banking and Financial Regulation (LLM), Frankfurt
School of Finance and Management (Sustainable Finance Module
Lecturer)

2022 - 2023 Legal Environment for International Business, Collegium Civitas,
Warsaw (Lecturer)

Visiting Fellowships

2023 - Grantham Research Institute, London School of Economics and
Political Science (LSE) (Visiting Fellow)

2019-2020 Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS) (Visiting
Fellow)

4. Functions and tasks at EUI/EBI/PAN

2020 - EBI's Working Group on Finance, Climate Change and Sustainability
(co-convener of conferences/research webinars)

2017 – 2020 EBI Young Researcher's Group founder and coordinator

2016 – 2017 EUI Law Department's EU Financial and Monetary Working Group
coordinator

2016 – 2017 EUI's Photography Club Coordinator

2015 – 2016 EUI Law Department's Researcher Representative

5. Research projects/grants

2022 - 2023 ClimateWorks Foundation Individual Grant (USD 30 000)

2021 - 2024 NCN (Polish Science Centre) "**Sonatina**" grant (PLN 505 891)
"EU's sustainability capitalism: identifying the varieties of financial markets
transition – a law of political economy" (Principal Investigator)

2018 – 2020 "A Centralisation of Rulemaking in Europe? The Legal and Political
Governance of the Financial Market" project of profs. Adrienne Heritier and
Brigid Laffan (Researcher)

2014 – 2020 "Law and Governance of EU Cross-Border Banking Groups" (PhD project)

6. Academic Associations Membership

- 2022 - World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research (WINIR)
- 2022 - Law and Society Association (LSA)
- 2022 - Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE)
- 2022 - International Society of Public Law (ICON-S)
- 2021 - Association for the Promotion of Political Economy and the Law (APPEAL)

7. Awards

- 2021 Award of the Polish Association of European Studies (PTSE) for journalists and analysts shaping the debate on EU affairs in Poland
- 2010 ACAEW award for best Master's Thesis in economics at the College of Europe

8. Professional Activities

Scientific conferences and workshops (organisation)

- 2022 April "Green Bonds – a European Endeavour", European Banking Institute (with prof. David Ramos Muñoz)
- 2022 March "Law & Political Economy – Central and Eastern European perspectives", Institute of Legal Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences (with dr Mateusz Grochowski)
- 2021 May EBI Sustainable Finance Webinar series (with prof. David Ramos Muñoz and dr Jens van 't Klooster)
- 2020 June "Recent Evolutions in the Economic and Monetary Union and the European Banking Union" (with dr Diane Fromage), University of Maastricht
- 2020 March "Without the euro – legal-economic conference", Warsaw School of Economics (with dr Adam Czerniak)
- 2020 Feb EBI Young Researchers Annual Workshop, Frankfurt
- 2019 July "Major Trends in Banking Union and Capital Markets Union", EBI PhD Researchers Workshop, CIRSF University of Lisbon
- 2019 Feb EBI Young Researchers Annual Workshop, Frankfurt
- 2018 Nov "Bridging the gaps in EU financial regulation", EBI PhD Researchers Workshop, University of Warsaw
- 2018 July "Building the Banking Union: the challenges ahead", EBI PhD Researchers Workshop, CIRSF University of Lisbon
- 2017 March "EU Financial Law PhD Workshop", European University Institute

Conference presentations (selected)

- 2023 Oct "EU's Sustainability Capitalism: Transforming Political Economies Across the Member States", Puzzling, powering, profiting: The Politics of Sustainable Finance in Europe, Leiden University
- 2023 Sept "Prudential transition plans: The potential of a new regulatory instrument and a research agenda", Intersections of Finance and Society, Finance and Society Network Annual Conference (Brussels, Belgium)
- 2023 July "How law constitutes EU's sustainability capitalism(?)" 'Revisiting the Constitutive Idea' workshop, University of Cambridge (Cambridge, UK)
- 2023 June "EU's sustainability capitalism: varieties of transition to climate neutrality" Constitutionalism and Political Economy. New Trajectories and Opportunities for Socio-Legal Scholarship, Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law (Oñati, Spain)
- 2023 June "The potential of EU's sustainable finance agenda in the context of Ukraine's reconstruction" at Sustainability and Environment Protection Current Trends In International European and Ukrainian Law conference (INP PAN, Warsaw)
- 2023 May "Bank 'net zero' pledges and prudential uses of transition plans", "Banking And Finance In Stressed Times: Climate, Resilience And Exit" conference (Universita Carlos III Madrid, Spain)
- 2023 Feb "Paradigm change in economic policy of the European Union", EUI (Florence)
- 2022 Sept "EU's sustainability capitalism: varieties of transition to climate neutrality", WINIR Annual Conference (online)
- 2022 July "The redistributive effects of EU's sustainable finance regulation", LSA Annual Conference (Lisbon, Portugal)
- 2022 July "EU's sustainability capitalism and the financing of transition to climate neutrality", ICON Annual Conference (Wrocław, Poland)
- 2022 May "EU's sustainability capitalism and the financing of transition to climate neutrality", EBI Spring Talks in Finance, University of Turin (online)
- 2022 Jan "EU's green financial support to the transition to biofuels and gases", at "Law in the EU's Circular Energy System" Biowaste, Biofuel and Biogas" workshop, University of Wageningen
- 2022 Jan "Central Banks beyond Price Stability", University of Amsterdam
- 2021 Dec "EU's sustainable finance from an LPE and a L&E perspective" at "#Efficiency, #Distribution, #Inequality: Economic Analysis of Law and Law & Political Economy in Europe" workshop MetaLawEcon / Law and Political Economy (LPE) Europe (online)
- 2021 Dec "Central bank independence in an era of climate change - Perspectives from Central and Eastern Europe" at "Central Banks and Climate Change: Hedging Climate Risks or Guiding the Path to a Green Transition", CEEPC SciencesPo Paris
- 2021 Nov "Green Central Banks in a Comparative Perspective" at "Financial Stability Research Network Conference, Berlin
- 2021 July "ECB & Financial Stability", "The New ECB" panel at ICON-S Mundo (online)
- 2020 Oct "Recent Evolutions in the Economic and Monetary Union and the European Banking Union" (SciencesPo/Maastricht University)
- 2020 Oct "EMU Governance and Constitutional Differentiation", at Beyond the Euro-Crisis: Covid-19 and the Future of Europe conference, Dublin College University Brexit Institute

- 2020 June "Greening the ECB" at "Shining a light on EU energy policy 10 years after the Treaty of Lisbon", College of Europe (Natolin)
- 2019 Nov "ECB & Financial Stability" at "Financial Stability Research Network Conference, Berlin
- 2019 Dec "Differentiation in EU banking law" at "Debata deliberatywna i warsztaty dla młodych badaczy", University of Warsaw
- 2019 July "EU CCP Regulation" at "Current challenges in EU Financial Market Law" PhD workshop, University of Lisbon

Panel discussions (selected)

- 2023 Nov „Green Bond: A European Perspective”, book launch, European Banking Institute
- 2023 Sept "Time for euro/Poland" "Euro od/nowa", Premiera Raportu Instytutu Reform (Warsaw)
- 2023 March Banking in times of transition, Reenergising the European Transition, International Sustainable Finance Centre conference (Warsaw)
- 2023 Feb „Prudential Net-zero Transition Plans”, LSE panel
- 2022 May "The Hard Currency of Politics: a seminar around "The Currency of Politics" by Stefan Eich", European Law Open
- 2022 April "Green Taxonomy" panel, European Economic Congress (Katowice)
- 2022 March „Integracja w przyspieszeniu? Dwie Dekady Doświadczeń i Przyszłość Strefy Euro”, Vistula University (Warsaw)
- 2022 March „Prawo międzynarodowe, unijne I bankowe wobec zbrojnej agresji Rosji na Ukrainę”, Instytut Nauk Prawnych PAN (Warsaw)
- 2022 Jan "What lies ahead in 2022" Polityka Insight's Risks and Trends
- 2021 Oct "Ryzyka klimatyczne w działalności bankowej – perspektywa rynkowa i nadzorcza", FinReg 2021
- 2021 May "Zielona, cyfrowa, bardziej zjednoczona – jaką wizję Unii przyniesie Konferencja o Przyszłości Europy?" WISEEuropa
- 2021 April "Czy warto zazielenić polski rynek kapitałowy? Zielone obligacje w Polsce - uwarunkowania prawne, regulacyjne oraz ekonomiczne", Akademia Spółek Kapitałowych

Guest lectures (selected)

- 2022 May "EU's Sustainability Capitalism", 3rd "Spring Talks" on Banking, Insurance and Financial Law, European Banking Institute
- 2022 Feb "Risky Bet: EU's approach to banking regulation" EBI Global Annual Conference
- 2022 Jan "20 years of the euro", Robert Schuman Foundation
- 2021 May "Introduction to EU Institutions", International Relations MA, Collegium Civitas (Warsaw)
- 2021 May "Grupy bankowe w ocenie pomocy publicznej: lekcje z kryzysu finansowego", University of Warsaw
- 2020 April "Reflective Practice: Professional Development Seminar", International Relations MA, Collegium Civitas

Courses taught

2023	"Sustainable Finance Regulation", "Climate Risk Academy", Florence School of Banking and Finance
2023	"Sustainable Finance", EBI Master in EU Banking and Financial Regulation (LLM), Frankfurt School of Finance and Management
2022-2023	"Legal Environment for International Business" Collegium Civitas (International Relations MA course)
2019	"EU CCP Regulation" at "Financial Market Infrastructures in The Digital Age, Florence School of Banking and Finance training
2018	"EU regulation of banks" at "Advanced Master Law & Finance", University of Leiden (4 hours)
2018	"State Aid and Resolution Law" at "The Law, Economics and Practice of EU Banking Resolution Autumn School" (with E Tornese), Florence School of Banking and Finance/ School of Transnational Governance
2017	"EU Banking and Monetary Law – introductory course" (with C Petit), Researcher's Taught Course, European University Institute

Non-academic professional experience

2023	Fellow, Instytut Reform (think tank)
2022 – 2023	Fellow, WISE Europa (think tank)
2019 – 2021	Senior EU Affairs Analyst, Polityka Insight
2011 – 2014	Accredited Parliamentary Assistant, European Parliament
2010 – 2011	Blue Book Stagiaire, European Commission

Policy research

Transparency International EU	OECD	World Bank
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Referee for journals

Journal of Banking Regulation	European Law Open
Journal of Financial Regulation	Journal of Sustainable Finance and Investment
Studium Prawa Prywatnego	Stosunki Międzynarodowe
Journal of European Consumer and Market Law	Regulation & Governance
Regulation & Governance	Maastricht Journal of European and Comparative Law
	Nature Climate Change

Recruitment committee member

Post-doctoral position, University of Louvain (2022)

Junior Analyst/Editor positions, Polityka Insight (2020-21)

EU Law professor positions, European University Institute (2016) (as Researcher Rep.)

9. Publications

Journal articles

1. A. Smoleńska, „Zrównoważone banki? Czynniki ESG w unijnych regulacjach mikroostrożnościowych”, *Studia BAS* Nr 2(74)2023
2. A. Smoleńska, “Euro as the currency of the EU's green transition”, *European Law Open*. 2022;1(4)
3. A. Smoleńska, “A European Credit Council for Consistent and Informed Policymaking”, *Accounting, Economics, and Law: A Convivium* (2022)
4. M. Grochowski and A. Smoleńska, “Law and Political Economy: a methodological introduction from a CEE perspective” *Studia Prawa Prywatnego* (2023)
5. A. Smoleńska and J. van 't Klooster, “A Risky Bet: Climate Change and the EU's Microprudential Framework for Banks” *Journal of Financial Regulation* (2022)
6. A. Smoleńska, “Multilevel cooperation in the EU resolution of cross-border bank groups: lessons from the non-euro area Member States joining the Single Resolution Mechanism (SRM)”, *Journal of Banking Regulation* (2021)
7. A. Smoleńska, “Nowe życie Unii”, *Polski Przegląd Dyplomatyczny* (2019)

Edited volumes

1. D. Ramos Munoz and A. Smoleńska, *Green Bonds: a European Perspective*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2023

Book chapters

1. A. Smoleńska, “Central bank supervisory role: micro-prudential supervision and regulation”, *Central Banking and Sustainability*, eds S Gruenwald and K Alexander, Cambridge University Press, 2025 (forthcoming)
2. W. Lewandowski, A. Smoleńska, “Member States Sovereign Green Bond Issuance and the Development of Local Green Bond Markets in the EU” w: D. Ramos Munoz and A. Smoleńska, *Green Bonds: a European Perspective*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2023
3. A. Smoleńska, “EU's green financial support to the transition to biofuel and biogases”, *Law for EU's Circular Energy System*, eds L de Almeida and J van Zeben, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2023
4. A. Smoleńska and T. Beukers, “Central Banks and Financial Stability in Comparative Perspective”, *The 'New' European Central Bank: Taking Stock and Looking Ahead at 20*, eds T Beukers, G Monti and D Fromage, Oxford University Press, 2022
5. A. Smoleńska, “Plany przejścia, czyli jak banki będą dążyć do osiągnięcia neutralności klimatycznej”, *Zielone Finanse*, ed L Kotecki, 2022
6. A. Smoleńska and P. Tokarski, “The Greening of the ECB Monetary Policy: A Legal-Economic Analysis”, *European Energy Policy – 10 years of the Lisbon Treaty*, ed A. Herranz Surralles, Centrum Europejskie Natolin, 2022

7. A. Smoleńska, "Governing EU Banks after the Global Financial Crisis: From Regulation to Governance", *The Legacy of the Global Financial Crisis*, eds Y Cassis and J.-J. van Helten, Bloomsbury Publishing, 2021
8. A. Smoleńska and P. Peridis, "Benchmark administrators as gatekeepers: Accountability and policy effects", *Regulating finance in Europe: Policy effects and political accountability*, eds A Héri-tier and J Karremans, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2021
9. A. Smoleńska and A. Héri-tier, "Critical infrastructure (CCPs): political accountability and the policy effects of EMIR", *Regulating finance in Europe: Policy effects and political accountability*, eds A Héri-tier and J Karremans, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2021
10. J. Ganderson, A. Héri-tier and A. Smoleńska, "Technological innovation and regulation in Capital Markets Union", *Governing Finance in Europe: A Centralisation of Rulemaking?*, eds A Héri-tier and M Schoeller, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2020
11. F. Bulfone and A. Smoleńska, "Power to the ESMA: centralisation of regulatory structures for central counterparties" (with), *Governing Finance in Europe: A Centralisation of Rulemaking?*, eds A Héri-tier and M Schoeller, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2020
12. A. Smoleńska, "Legal differentiation in EU Banking Law", *Major trends in Banking Union and Capital Markets Union*, ed L Silvia Morais, CIRSF University of Lisbon, 2020
13. A. Smoleńska, "SRB – lost and found in the thicket of EU financial regulation", *Banking Union and the EU Constitution*, eds S Grundmann and H Micklitz, Hart Publishing, 2019
14. S. Grundmann, C. Petit and A. Smoleńska, "Banking Governance – the EU Regime" (with), *Le traitement des difficultés des établissements bancaires et institutions financières: Approche croisee*, ed F Barrière, LexisNexis, 2018
15. A. Smoleńska, "Connecting and disconnecting critical financial market infrastructures: oversight and regulation of CCPs after Brexit", *The changing geography of finance and regulation in Europe*, eds F Allen, E Carletti, J Gray and M. Gulati, EUI, 2017

Book reviews

1. A. Smoleńska, "Saving Europe: How *National Politics* Nearly Destroyed to Euro by C. Bastasin", *Nowa Europa* December 2013 (review)
2. A. Smoleńska, "The Quest: Energy, Security, and the Remaking of the Modern World by D. Yergin", *Nowa Europa* March 2013 (review)

Reports and policy papers

1. A. Smoleńska, P. Tokarski, "Euro od/nowa. Scenariusze Integracji Polski ze strefą euro", Instytut Reform, 2023
2. A. Smoleńska, "Barriers to development of sustainable finance market in Poland", ICF/Wise Europa, DG REFORM/Ministry of Finance Project
3. S. Dikau, N. Robins, A. Smoleńska, J. Van 'T Klooster and U. Volz, „ [Net zero transition plans: a supervisory playbook for prudential authorities](#)”, LSE Grantham Research Institute, 2022
4. Sz. Ananicz, P. Buras and A. Smoleńska, „Nowy rozdział. Transformacja Unii Europejskiej a Polska”, Batory Foundation, 2021
5. A Czerniak and A. Smoleńska, „Poland without the euro”, Przyjazne Państwo Foundation/Polityka Insight, 2019
6. E. Carletti and A. Smoleńska, Co-operation between Competition Agencies and Regulators in the Financial Sector: 10 years on from the Financial Crisis, Note for OECD, 2017
7. A. Smoleńska, "Overview of State Aid in the Financial Sector and Bank Resolution", *Understanding Bank Recovery and Resolution in the EU: A Guidebook to the BRRD*,

Short texts, op-eds and blog posts

1. D. Ramos Munoz, A. Smoleńska, "[The Governance of ESG Ratings and Benchmarks \(Infomediaries\) as Gatekeepers: Exit, Voice and Coercion](#)", *Oxford Law Business Blog*, November 2023.
2. A. Smoleńska, P. Tokarski, "[Poland is back as a key player in Brussels](#)", *LSE EUROPP Blog*, October 2023
3. A. Smoleńska, P. Tokarski, "[The elephant in the room in Poland's election? Joining the euro](#)", *LSE EUROPP Blog*, September 2023
4. "[Ochrona frankowiczów a stabilność finansowa – pozorny spór](#)", *Rzeczpospolita*, April 2022 (with Mateusz Grochowski)
5. „[Prawo i ekonomia polityczna \(LPE\)](#)”, *Przegląd Prawa Międzynarodowego Blog*, May 2022 (with Mateusz Grochowski)
6. "[The EU's green banking agenda isn't sustainable — yet](#)", *International Politics and Society*, March 2022
7. "[Greening Banks in the Face of Uncertainty. On the ECB's New Supervisory Approach to Environmental and Climate-Related Risks](#)", *VerfassungBlog*, November 2020 (with Jens van 't Klooster)
8. "[Opening up ECB's Black Box and Painting it Green – the Monetary Policy Mandate in the Age of New Challenges and Uncertainty](#)", *JustMoney.org Roundtable: Monetary Policy in the EU*, February 2021
9. "[Nowelizacja budżetu UE: ocena i perspektywy. Komentarz](#)" (with Paweł Wiejski), *Batory Foundation*, June 2020.
10. "[Taxonomy Regulation: Creating a common language for the environment and finance](#)", *EBI Briefin No. 3 Sustainable Finance*, March 2020
11. "[Eurozone Reform and Differentiated Integration after Brexit](#)", *DCU's Brexit Institute Blog*, February 2020
12. "[Why a step backwards for Eurozone reform could be a step forwards for differentiated integration in the EU](#)", *DCU's Brexit Institute's Bridge Blog*, December 2019