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Elzbieta Opiłowska is Associate Professor of Sociology and Head of the Center for Regional and Borderlands Studies at the University of Wrocław. She received her PhD from the European University Viadrina in Frankfurt (Oder) in 2008 and her Habilitation from the University of Wrocław in 2017. She has been granted scholarships from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Alfred Toepfer F.V.S. Foundation, Robert Bosch Foundation and German Federal Ministry of Education and Research. She has been a visiting fellow at the Centre for Border Region Studies at the University of Southern Denmark, Sønderborg, Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe (GWZO) at the University of Leipzig and Centre for Interdisciplinary Polish Studies at the European University Viadrina.

Her main research interests and teaching experience involve border studies, regional policy of the European Union, collective memory, social identity, narratives in Europe and the German-Polish relations. In this framework, as Principal Investigator she is currently leading two research projects – “Poland and Germany in the European Union. New forms and models of bilateral relations in foreign policy and cross-border cooperation” (funded by the German-Polish Science Foundation) and “(De/Re)Constructing borders – narratives and imaginaries on divided towns in Central Europe in comparative perspective” with focus on Frankfurt (Oder)/Ślubice and Cieszyn/Český Těšín (funded by the Polish National Science Center, NCN).

Recently she published: Opiłowska, E. et. al. (eds.): *Studia nad granicami i pograniczami. Leksykon*, Warszawa: Scholar 2020; Opiłowska, E.: *La coopération germano-polonaise transfrontalière: une normalisation réussie?*, in: Th. Serrier and P.-F. Weber (eds.), *Allemagne-Pologne au XXI^e siècle: une normalisation inachevée?*, Villeneuve d'Ascq, Presses universitaires du Septentrion (=Allemagne d'aujourd'hui, 228, 2019), pp. 29-39; Opiłowska, E.: *Reconciliation through Europeanization: Secondary foreign policy in the German–Polish borderlands*, in: M. Klatt and B. Wassenberg (eds.), *Secondary Foreign Policy in Local International Relations. Peace-building and Reconciliation in Border Regions*, Abingdon: Routledge 2018, pp. 79-100

During her stay at the European University Viadrina Elzbieta Opiłowska would like to strengthen her teaching experience in an interdisciplinary, cross-faculty programme of European Studies, exchange ideas with researchers from the Viadrina University and to conduct her empirical research in Frankfurt (Oder) and Ślubice within the NCN-project.