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**RESOLUTION No. 4/2026
OF THE SCIENCE EVALUATION COMMITTEE
of 14 January 2026**

on the evaluation of the quality of education at a doctoral school

Pursuant to Art. 259(1) and Art. 262(2) of the Act of 20 July 2018 – Law on Higher Education and Science (Journal Laws of 2024, item 1571, as amended), hereinafter referred to as the “Act”, having reviewed the results of the evaluation referred to in Art. 262(1) of the Act, which was carried out by the Evaluation Team, the Science Evaluation Committee

positively evaluates the quality of education

at the Graduate School for Social Research

run jointly by

the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences,
the Institute of Psychology of the Polish Academy of Sciences
and the Institute of Political Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

This evaluation applies to the period from 1 October 2019 to 11 May 2025.

Justification:

Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Institute of Psychology of the Polish Academy of Sciences, and Institute of Political Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences have submitted a self-assessment report on the functioning of the Graduate School for Social Research from October 1, 2019, to May 10, 2025. As part of the evaluation process, the Evaluation Team appointed by the Chairman of the Science Evaluation Committee reviewed the documentation and supplementary information submitted, and then conducted an on-site visit to the Graduate School for Social Research on October 8, 2025, thereby obtaining additional information enabling full verification of the data presented.

The Evaluation Team found that during the period under evaluation, the educational process implemented at the Graduate School for Social Research met the requirements specified in the regulations on the quality of education at level 8 of the Polish Qualifications Framework. Both the curriculum and the structure of individual research plans proved coherent and adequate to the scientific profile of the institutes of the Polish Academy of Sciences. The educational process was conducted in a flexible manner, adapted to the diverse needs of doctoral students, and was internationalized and interdisciplinary in nature. It is worth emphasizing that the structure of the educational program consisted of three elements: mandatory courses for a given discipline, optional courses, and research work in a research team. The entire education was conducted in English. The evaluation team emphasized that the Graduate School for Social Research had supported doctoral students in implementing their individual research plans and throughout the entire educational process, also providing appropriate supervisory support. In addition to their individual research plans, doctoral students completed additional annual Individual Study Plans. The composition and competences of the committees conducting the mid-term evaluation of doctoral students met statutory requirements and were appropriate to the educational process being pursued. The evaluation team emphasized the high staff and research potential of the Graduate School for Social Research, as well as its internationalization. Education at the Doctoral School was inclusive, fostering positive attitudes toward pursuing a scientific career.

In light of the above, the Evaluation Team decided to positively assess the quality of education at the Graduate School for Social Research during the period under evaluation.

After reviewing the documentation, the Science Evaluation Committee decided as stated in the introduction.

Note:

An entity dissatisfied with the evaluation may, pursuant to Art. 262(4) of the Act, raise objections to this evaluation within 30 days from the date of delivery of this resolution.

Chair of the Science Evaluation Committee

prof. dr hab. n. med. i n. o zdr. Filip M. Szymański

/-signed digitally/

Annex:

Evaluation report prepared by the Evaluation Team.

Copies to:

- 1) Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences,
- 2) Institute of Psychology of the Polish Academy of Sciences,
- 3) Institute of Political Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences,
- 4) Minister of Science and Higher Education.