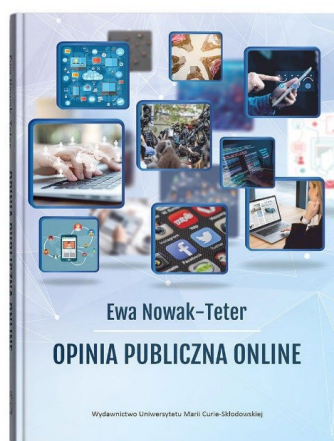


EWA NOWAK-TETER WINS THE MEDIA AND DEMOCRACY KAROL JAKUBOWICZ AWARD 2024

Opinia publiczna online (Eng. *Public Opinion Online*; Lublin: Wydawnictwo UMCS, 2023) – a recent book by Ewa Nowak-Teter received the Media and Democracy Karol Jakubowicz Award 2024. A special Media and Democracy Karol Jakubowicz Award 2024 was awarded to Piotr Pytlakowski for his book *Strefa niepamięci* (Eng. *The Zone of No Memory*; Warszawa: Agora, 2023).

Photo 1. Book cover of Nowak-Teter E. (2023). *Opinia publiczna online* (Eng. *Public Opinion Online*). Lublin: Wydawnictwo UMCS.



The Selection Committee awards the Media and Democracy Karol Jakubowicz Award 2024 to the recent book *Opinia publiczna online* by Ewa Nowak-Teter. This book is a comprehensive and multidimensional coverage of public opinion in the real world and virtual sphere. The author identifies the key issues of public opinion functioning in democratic systems and argues these issues are important for policy makers and experts because of the increasing social conflicts and the growing trend toward polarization.

Professor Ewa Nowak-Teter is a political scientist in the Department of Mediatization at the Institute of Social Communication and Media Sciences at the Faculty of Political Science and Journalism at Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin. She is also the Editor-in-chief of the scientific journal „Mediatization Studies” and the Chair of the Mediatization research section

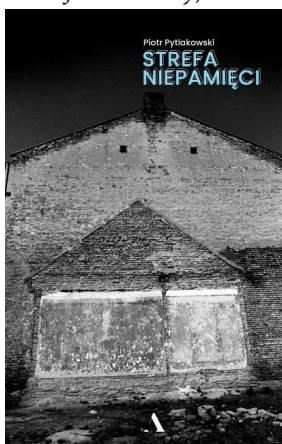
of the Polish Communication Association. Her research interests include medi-
atization of public and private spheres, media logics, public opinion online and
political communication. In 2021, she was awarded the Bronze Cross of Merit
for her work in the advancement of science.

Photo 2. Professor Ewa Nowak-Teter. Source: Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin.



Furthermore, the Selection Committee awards the excellence of the book *Strefa niepamięci* (Eng. *The Zone of No Memory*), written by Piotr Pytlakowski, with the Special Media and Democracy Karol Jakubowicz Award 2024. The book was acknowledged for the striking image of the mechanisms of evil, which do not change, but only gain new attributions. This high-class reportage about the human conscience and the drama of our humanity, which we experience every day, is record of a very important part of our past and present.

Photo 3. Book cover of Pytlakowski P. (2023). *Strefa niepamięci* (Eng. *The Zone of No Memory*). Warszawa: Agora.



The Committee also notes that the success of last year's special award shows the importance of continuing to reward journalistic publications that resonate not only with the idea of the competition but also go beyond the academic framework.

The Award Ceremony took place on June 10, 2024 during the plenary meeting of the Committee on Social Communication and Media Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences at the Palace of Culture and Science in Warsaw. The special award was presented on April 28, 2024, on the 11th anniversary of the passing of Karol Jakubowicz.

Photo 4. Prof. Ewa Nowak-Teter receives the Award from Prof. I. Hofman and M. Semil-Jakubowicz during the plenary meeting of the Committee on Social Communication and Media Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences on June 10, 2024 at the Palace of Culture and Science in Warsaw. Photo by: Anita Has-Tokarz (Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin).



Every year, the Media and Democracy Karol Jakubowicz Award recognizes original methodologies and the societal impact of scholarly publications in media systems, media policies, media ethics, and public service media in Central and Eastern Europe, and beyond. A full list of this year's nominees can be found on the Award's website: <https://www.ptks.pl/en/awards/the-media-and-democracy-karol-jakubowicz-award>.

On behalf of the Committee and all the stakeholders, we warmly congratulate the Winners and the Nominees!

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