

# PIOTR BYSTRANOWSKI

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## Employment

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- Jagiellonian University** *Principal Investigator* **2025–Present**  
*Kraków, Poland*  
↔ Interdisciplinary Centre for Ethics
- NCN OPUS project *Ignorance of Law: A Study in Experimental Jurisprudence* (2025–2029): leading a four-person team.
- Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods** *Post-doctoral Researcher* **2024–2025**  
*Bonn, Germany*  
↔ Christoph Engel team
- Computational analysis of judicial decision-making; behavioural experiments in legal contexts.
- Jagiellonian University** *Researcher* **2019–2024**  
*Kraków, Poland*  
↔ Interdisciplinary Centre for Ethics
- ERC Starting project *BIOUNCERTAINTY*

## Education

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- Jagiellonian University, Kraków** **2014–2021**  
Doctor in Law (*with distinction*)  
Thesis: “Proxy criminalisation and its justification: An economic analysis”  
Committee: Wojciech Załuski (supervisor), R. A. Duff, Alon Harel (reviewers)
- University of Bologna, University of Hamburg, University of Haifa** **2015–2016**  
European Master in Law and Economics (*with distinction, 4th out of 96*)
- Jagiellonian University, Kraków** **2008–2013**  
Master in Law (*with distinction*)
- Pontifical University, Kraków** **2009–2012**  
Bachelor in Philosophy

## Research Stays

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- Georgetown University Law Center** Jan–Jun 2025  
*Fulbright Senior Scholar*
- Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro — Faculty of Law** May 2022  
*Visiting Scholar*
- University of Surrey — Surrey Centre for Law and Philosophy** Jan–Feb 2020  
*Visiting Researcher*
- Hebrew University of Jerusalem — Faculty of Law** Feb–May 2019  
*Visiting Doctoral Researcher*

## Prizes & Awards

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- Senior Award** 2024  
*Polish–American Fulbright Commission*
- Scholarship for Outstanding Young Scholars** 2023  
*Minister of Science of the Republic of Poland*
- Best Dissertation in Philosophy of Law** 2022  
*Polish Section of IVR*

- [1] Vilius Dranseika, **Piotr Bystranowski**, and Tomasz Żuradzki. “Journal of Medical Ethics at 50: a data-driven history”. In: *Journal of medical ethics* (2025).
- [2] Kevin Tobia, Ivar R. Hannikainen, David Kamper, Guilherme Almeida, **Piotr Bystranowski**, Niek Strohmaier, Vilius Dranseika, Markus Kneer, Fernando Aguiar, Kristina Dolinina, Bartosz Janik, Eglė Lauraitytė, Alice Liefgreen, Maciej Próchnicki, Alejandro Rosas, Vivek Kumar Shukla, and Noel Struchiner. “What Is Reasonable? A Multi-country Study”. In: *Stanford Journal of International Law* 61 (2025). Scheduled for publication in June 2025.
- [3] Tomasz Żuradzki, **Piotr Bystranowski**, and Vilius Dranseika. “Discussions on Human Enhancement Meet Science: A Quantitative Analysis”. In: *Science and Engineering Ethics* 31.1 (2025), p. 6.
- [4] **Piotr Bystranowski**. “Self-absorbed, yet interesting?. A bibliometric study on general jurisprudence”. In: *Revus. Journal for Constitutional Theory and Philosophy of Law/Revija za ustavno teorijo in filozofijo prava* 54 (2024).
- [5] **Piotr Bystranowski**, Bartosz Janik, and Maciej Próchnicki. “Uncertainty and Condemnation. An Experimental Study on Lay and Expert Intuitions Regarding the Object of Criminal Punishment”. In: *Law & Social Inquiry* 49.4 (2024), pp. 1964–1989. DOI: [10.1017/lsi.2023.73](https://doi.org/10.1017/lsi.2023.73).
- [6] **Piotr Bystranowski** and Kevin Tobia. “Measuring Meta-Interpretation”. In: *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics* 180.2 (2024), pp. 281–305. DOI: [10.1628/jite-2024-0011](https://doi.org/10.1628/jite-2024-0011). URL: <https://www.mohrsiebeck.com/en/article/measuring-meta-interpretation-101628jite-2024-0011/>.
- [7] Carme Isern-Mas, **Piotr Bystranowski**, Jon Rueda, and Ivar R. Hannikainen. “Does Momentary Outcome-Based Reflection Shape Bioethical Views? A Pre-Post Intervention Design”. In: *Cognitive Science* 48.11 (2024), e70009. DOI: [10.1111/cogs.70009](https://doi.org/10.1111/cogs.70009). URL: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/cogs.70009>.
- [8] **Piotr Bystranowski** and Ivar Rodriguez Hannikainen. “Justice before Expediency: Robust Intuitive Concern for Rights Protection in Criminalization Decisions”. In: *Review of Philosophy and Psychology* 1-23 (2023).
- [9] Przemysław Pałka, **Piotr Bystranowski**, Bartosz Janik, and Maciej Próchnicki. “When “a Citizen” Becomes Little [M]ary [J]. The Abstract-concrete Effects in Legal Reasoning and the Rule of Law”. In: *Diritto & Questioni Pubbliche* (2023).
- [10] **Piotr Bystranowski**, Vilius Dranseika, and Tomasz Żuradzki. “Half a century of bioethics and philosophy of medicine: A topic-modeling study”. In: *Bioethics* 36 (9), 902-925 (2022).
- [11] **Piotr Bystranowski**, Bartosz Janik, Maciej Próchnicki, Ivar Rodriguez Hannikainen, Guilherme F. C. de Almeida, and Noel Struchiner. “Do formalist judges abide by their abstract principles? A two-country study in adjudication”. In: *International Journal for the Semiotics of Law-Revue internationale de. . .* (2022).
- [12] **Piotr Bystranowski** and Murat Mungan. “Proxy Crimes”. In: *American Criminal Law Review* 59, 1 (2022).
- [13] Ivar Rodriguez Hannikainen, Kevin Tobia, GFCF de Almeida, Noel Struchiner, Markus Kneer, **Piotr Bystranowski**, et al. “Coordination and expertise foster legal textualism”. In: *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 119 (44), e2206531119 (2022).
- [14] **Piotr Bystranowski**, Bartosz Janik, Maciej Próchnicki, and Paulina Skórska. “Anchoring effect in legal decision-making: A meta-analysis.” In: *Law and Human Behavior* 45 (1), 1 (2021).
- [15] Ivar Rodriguez Hannikainen, Kevin Tobia, GFCF de Almeida, Raff Donelson, Vilius Dranseika, Markus Kneer, Niek Strohmaier, **Piotr Bystranowski**, et al. “Are there cross-cultural legal principles? Modal reasoning uncovers procedural constraints on law”. In: *Cognitive Science* 45 (8), e13024 (2021).
- [16] **Piotr Bystranowski**. “Retributivism, consequentialism, and the risk of punishing the innocent: The troublesome case of proxy crimes”. In: *Diametros* 26-49 (2017).
- [17] **Piotr Bystranowski**. “Ekonomiczna analiza prawa wobec problemu optymalnej precyzji dyrektyw prawnych”. In: *Państwo i Prawo* 71 (5 (843)) (2016).
- [18] **Piotr Bystranowski**. “O nieefektywności regulacji ryzyka z punktu widzenia behawioralnej ekonomicznej analizy prawa i kulturowej teorii ryzyka”. In: *Internetowy Przegląd Prawniczy TBSP UJ* (2014).

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## Book Chapters

- [1] **Piotr Bystranowski**, Ivar Rodriguez Hannikainen, and Kevin Tobia. “Legal Interpretation as Coordination”. In: *Cambridge Handbook to Experimental Jurisprudence*. Ed. by Kevin Tobia. Cambridge University Press, 2025.
- [2] **Piotr Bystranowski** and Kevin Tobia. “Computational Methods in Empirical Studies on Legal Interpretation: Before Transformers and After”. In: *In the Minds of Judges: Argumentative Discourse at the Intersection of Law and Language*. Ed. by Gianluca Pontrandolfo and Stanisław Goźdz-Roszkowski. Foundations in Language and Law [FLL]. Accepted for publication. De Gruyter Mouton, 2025.
- [3] Maciej Próchnicki, Bartosz Janik, and **Piotr Bystranowski**. “Debiasing numerical verdicts and judicial discretion: reflections on mitigating the anchoring effect in judicial decision-making”. In: *Judicial Decision-Making: Integrating Empirical and Theoretical Perspectives*. Ed. by **Piotr Bystranowski**, Bartosz Janik, and Maciej Próchnicki. Springer, 2022.
- [4] **Piotr Bystranowski**. “References to Kuhnian philosophy of science in the Law and Economics literature”. In: *Law and Economics as Interdisciplinary Exchange*. Ed. by Peter Cserne and Magdalena Małecka. 31-49. Routledge, 2019.

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## Commentaries

- [1] **Piotr Bystranowski**. “The Veil and the Deal: Bargaining Between Case-Specific Solutions and Unknown Rules”. In: *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* (2025).
- [2] **Piotr Bystranowski**, Vilius Dranseika, and Tomasz Żuradzki. “The Disconnection That Wasn’t: Philosophy in Modern Bioethics from a Quantitative Perspective”. In: *The American Journal of Bioethics* 22 (12), 36-40 (2022).

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## Edited Volumes

- [1] **Piotr Bystranowski**, Bartosz Janik, and Maciej Próchnicki. *Judicial Decision-making: Integrating Empirical and Theoretical Perspectives*. Springer, 2022.

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## Invited Talks

- 2025 **‘Text’ and Textualism: A Computational Reading of U.S. Federal Caselaw**  
*Georgetown University — Computational Linguistics Joint Lab Meeting – Washington DC, United States*
- 2025 **Law, Ignorance, and Counterfactual Salience: Evidence from 110k Reddit Posts**  
*Yale University — Knobe Lab Meeting – New Haven, United States*
- 2025 **Ignorance of Law Does Not Excuse: A New Empirical Account**  
*CUNY Graduate Center — PsyPhi Lab Meeting – New York City, United States*
- 2025 **Legal Interpretation and Settlement Behavior: Evidence from a Lab Experiment**  
*Symposium on Legal Interpretation and Data — Washington DC, United States*
- 2024 **Ignorance of Law Does Not Excuse: A New Empirical Account**  
*Experimental Methods in Legal Scholarship Workshop — Bonn, Germany*
- 2023 **Rationality, Focality, Publicity: Experimental Jurisprudence and Salience Reasoning**  
*Law and Rationality Conference — Lisbon, Portugal*
- 2022 **Justice Before Expediency: Robust Intuitive Support for Rights Protection in Criminalization Decisions**  
*Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México – Mexico City, Mexico*
- 2022 **Proxy Crimes and How to Find Them (keynote)**  
*Polish Legal Theory Congress — Katowice, Poland*
- 2021 **Democratic Judicial Activism (with A. Harel and A. Morell)**  
*University of Maryland Carey School of Law — Constitutional Law & Economics Workshop – Baltimore,*

United States

2018 **Behavioral Biases in Legal Adjudication: Anchoring Effect and Hindsight Bias**  
*University of Lucerne – Lucerne, Switzerland*

## Grants

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<b>FLL</b> <i>Excellence Initiative at the Jagiellonian University</i> Multiplayer online experiments as a research tool in experimental jurisprudence	2025–2026 — \$41 667
<b>OPUS</b> <i>National Science Centre, Poland</i> Ignorance of Law: A Study in Experimental Jurisprudence	2024–2028 — \$455 890
<b>ETIUDA</b> <i>National Science Centre, Poland</i> The problem of the justification of proxy criminalisation: An economic analysis	2018–2019 — \$27 537
<b>PRELUDIUM</b> <i>National Science Centre, Poland</i> The problem of the justification of proxy criminalisation: An economic analysis	2017–2021 — \$22 578

## Service to Profession

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- **Journal referee**: *Applied Cognitive Psychology; Clinical Ethics; Cluster Computing; Criminal Justice Review; Diametros* (2×); *Digital Scholarship in the Humanities; Experimental Psychology; International Journal for the Semiotics of Law; Oñati Socio-Legal Series; Peer Community in Registered Reports; Social Psychological and Personality Science; Studia Iuridica; Synthese* (3×).
- **Grant reviewer**: Agence Nationale de la Recherche, France.
- **Member**: Research Ethics Committee, Jagiellonian University (2022–present).
- **Organizer**: 4th European Experimental Philosophy Conference; Symposium on *LLMs for xPhi*; Yale-Oxford-Jagiellonian bioxphi Summit.

## Technical Skills

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<b>Programming</b>	Python, JavaScript, Bash
<b>Statistical computing</b>	R (tidyverse), Python (pandas, scikit-learn)
<b>NLP</b>	Python (NLTK, gensim, spaCy, transformers)
<b>Data collection</b>	Qualtrics, Prolific, Empirica, oTree

## Languages

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Polish	– native
English	– fluent
Portuguese	– fluent
Spanish	– reading proficiency