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The project is led by Kazimierz M. Slomczynski, professor of sociology at IFiS PAN and professor emeritus at the Department of Sociology of The Ohio State University (OSU). Professor Slomczynski directs the POLPAN study from its very beginning in 1987–1988. A group of academics from IFiS PAN and the University of Warsaw served as co-principal investigators for the 2012-funded project. Krystyna Janicka, Zbigniew Sawiński, Irina Tomescu-Dubrow, Joshua K. Dubrow, Henryk Domański, and Zbigniew Karpiński are from IFiS PAN. Anna Kiersztyn and Michał Bojanowski joined from the University of Warsaw. In addition, the project's core research team included Kinga Wysieńska-Di Carlo (IFiS PAN, currently at the Albert Shanker Institute in Washington, USA), Katarzyna Andrejuk (IFiS PAN), Ewa Jarosz (IFiS PAN, currently at the University of Oxford, UK), Anna Baczko-Dombi (IFiS

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We invite readers to reach out to the numerous POLPAN-related resources. The project's website, polpan.org, provides access to important scientific POLPAN products free of charge.

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