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Workshop on Panel Design and Analysis. The workshop consisted of two parts: (1) “Panel Survey Design” at IFiS PAN, Warsaw, May 6-7, 2013, and (2) “Panel Analysis Program” at the Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University, USA, May 20–26, 2013.

The Polish Panel Survey POLPAN 1988–2013: A Cross-National Perspective involved an international conference followed by a 2-day workshop. Both were held in Warsaw, at the IFiS PAN, March 19–21 2014.

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We invite readers to reach out to other POLPAN-related resources, including the volume *Social Inequality and the Life Course: Poland's Transformative Years, 1988–2013*, as well as the Project's website, polpan.org. On the website, we provide detailed information on the design and methodology of POLPAN, including questionnaires, in both Polish and English. Those interested can also receive access to the POLPAN data by contacting project administrators directly.

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