

Prof. zw. dr hab. Bohdan Jeliński



Since 1974, Professor Bohdan Jeliński has been working at the Institute of International Business at the Faculty of Transport Economics, which was later renamed to the Faculty of Economics of the University of Gdańsk. He combined academic work, a successful business practice, and active service in the diplomatic corps. His many years of experience working as the economic director of CMI-E CENTROMOR, director of POLNOR A/S, a Polish-Norwegian company, and a commercial consultant at the Polish embassy in Norway provided the necessary material for his university courses and numerous publications on commercial policy and international trade relations.

Students are especially fond of the Professor's lectures on diplomatic protocol familiarising the aspiring businesspeople with the intricacies of foreign relations. His talent as a teacher, generous heart, and profound knowledge make his courses very popular with students.

In 2010, he received the title of full professor as a crowning of his long and brilliant career as well as scholarly work whose high point was marked by the publication of a monograph entitled *The Policy of Foreign Economic Cooperation*. By taking active part in the academic life of the Faculty of Economics, the Professor has held various functions as an organiser and manager, e.g., Head of the Department of Economics and Organization of International Trade (1997–1999, 2005–2008) and Director of the Institute of International Business (2008–2016). In the thoughts of his colleagues at home and abroad he is a respected scholar and a dear friend.

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Prof. Hans H. Bass

Building on his vast practical experience as an official representative of Polish trade interests in Norway, Professor dr. hab. Bohdan Jeliński has enjoyed an outstanding career as an academic. He has significantly contributed to our understanding of the patterns of international trade and to the evaluation of international trade policies. Professor Jeliński has not only been a source of intellectual inspiration for myself and many others, but also an utterly reliable partner during the academic exchange between the University of Gdańsk, Poland and the City University of Bremen, Germany. In the more than a decade that I have been responsible for the Bremen side of this exchange, he has also become a true personal friend.

Prof. Edward Molendowski

This occasion is a great opportunity to offer thanks and congratulations. The wonderful scientific and educational achievements of Professor Bohdan Jeliński are well known and confirmed by his numerous publications which hold an esteemed place in the community of researchers, lecturers, and students. At my university, the Professor is well known and admired for his tireless energy and passion for creating new value in science and new links between scholarship and business. We wish him many successes, hoping that in the coming years we will be able to continue working together.

Profesor zw. dr hab. Danuta Marciniak-Neider



Professor Danuta Marciniak-Neider has been involved with the Institute of International Business at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Gdańsk since 1973. Working her way to the top of the academic ladder, she received her doctorate in 1975 and followed with habilitation in 1989 and the title of professor of economics in 1999. She has held numerous functions at the University, serving in various academic bodies, including as a member of the Senate of the University of Gdańsk, Convention of Honorary Titles of the University of Gdańsk, as director of the Institute of International Business and head of the Department of International Financial Markets.

In her many years of work, the Professor has educated a number of generations of economists, supervised countless MA and PhD students, and reviewed a series of doctoral and post-doctoral dissertations. Having authored over 200 publications, 30 of which were book-length, she is a recognised specialist in international settlements and international trade.

The Professor's merits have been awarded with numerous distinctions such as the Knight's Cross of Polonia Restituta, Medal of the National Education Commission, Gold Cross of Merit, the Minister of National Education's award, and a number of other awards from universities in Gdańsk and Poznań.

Professor Danuta Marciniak-Neider combines theory with practice. For many years she has been co-working with the Polish International Freight Forwarders Association. She also initiated collaboration between the Faculty of Economics and numerous enterprises, culminating in the opening of Central and Eastern Europe's first Thomas Reuters Data Suite and, in 2017, the publication of a book entitled *Settlements in International Trade Practice* written in cooperation with authors from ING Bank Śląski. The Professor is not only a distinguished specialist but also a wonderful educator and role model for other professors and students alike.

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Prof. Janusz Bilski

My acquaintance with Professor Danuta Marciniak-Neider has been going on for over 20 years. I see this co-operation as a very important experience which has helped my own activity as a scholar, researcher, educator, and organiser. I have drawn extensively on the Professor's rich experience and academic work in the form of books, articles, and specialist seminars. I know we can count on the Professor and always have her best support.

Dear Danusia, this occasion provokes thoughts and reflections. I wish you a long academic career, wonderful publications, and committed colleagues.

Prof. Borisas Melnikas

Professor Danuta Marciniak-Neider is a prominent personality, a great scientist and pedagogue. Her contribution to the scientific cognition and knowledge on the processes of economic internationalisation and the creation of modern economy is particularly important, and her scientific works and results of pedagogical activities are well known in various countries, including Lithuania. Her effort to improve the university studies in the field of economics and management is especially notable.

Prof. zw. dr hab. Janusz Neider



Professor Janusz Neider held the position of Head of the Department of International Transport and Forwarding at the University of Gdańsk's Faculty of Economics for many years. This is just a small fragment of the Professor's illustrious work. Serving as Dean of the Faculty of Economics, Director of the Institute of International Business, or Vice-Rector of the University of Gdańsk, he made a name for himself as an excellent scholar and organiser.

Professor Janusz Neider is also recognised externally. In 2004, the National Conference of Polish University Rectors selected him to be chairman of the University Commission for Finance. In the same year, he also joined the Pomeranian Committee to Monitor Regional

Development Programs.

The Professor has authored and co-authored a great number of publications on international transport, EU transport policy, international freight forwarding, and transport process management. His long-standing relationship with the Polish International Freight Forwarders Association has resulted in several editions of the *Freight Forwarder's Handbook*, an encyclopaedia of transport, freight forwarding, and logistics highly appreciated by businesspeople active in the field.

The Professor has been involved with the Faculty of Economics of the University of Gdańsk for nearly 50 years, in which time he has educated countless students about the international transport process. As a supervisor and reviewer of numerous doctoral and post-doctoral dissertations, he has shared his knowledge of the transport sector with many graduates who later went on to become industry leaders.

Students and graduates have always held the Professor in high esteem. He is well liked for his humorous anecdotes, but also for being a strict teacher with high expectations. It is not easy to pass his courses, but the knowledge gained therein will serve you well later on in life, students say.

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Prof. Włodzimierz Januszkiewicz

Professor Janusz Neider is a distinguished specialist in transport and logistics, highly respected both in Poland and abroad. His extraordinarily wide-ranging academic achievements in the form of books and articles are of a very high intellectual level, indeed, and an invaluable help for students, academics, and businesspeople alike. Not to be overlooked are also his organisational contribution to higher education and projects intended to popularise the knowledge of transport, freight forwarding, and logistics.

Prof. Elżbieta Załoga

I feel honoured to have been working with Professor Janusz Neider for the past twenty years. I admire his hard work, academic skills, and amazing personality. A role model for Polish economists of transport, he has authored numerous books on international transport, freight forwarding, and seaports, which now stand as examples of academic works of the highest standard. The Professor has a very friendly personality. He keeps his promises; for him, friendship is a gift, and the human being – a hope for the future. I am glad to have had the opportunity to know him and to share my experience on this occasion.

Prof. UG, dr hab. Dorota Simpson



Professor Dorota Simpson has been involved with the Institute of International Business at the University of Gdańsk's Faculty of Economics for over forty years. A wonderful scholar, educator, and organizer of university activities, she received her professorship from the University of Gdańsk in 2000. Since then, she has been instrumental in raising successive generations of scholars as a supervisor and reviewer of close to twenty doctoral dissertations.

She has authored a dozen scholarly works and appeared at numerous country-wide and international conferences. People constitute Professor Simpson's main area of interest, as both human capital in organisations and market players with an impact on corporate strategy, especially in international and intercultural contexts.

Professor Simpson's talent as an organiser and manager proved an unquestionable asset during her time as Dean of the Faculty of Economics (2002–2008) and Assistant Director of the Institute of International Business (1999–2002, 2012–2016). Professor Simpson has built up a vast network of international contacts which enabled her to play host to many illustrious scholars from foreign research centres. She has established and managed post-graduate programmes in international business, public relations, and human capital. She is well liked by students, for whom she has provided the impulse to engage in academic careers by starting and running scientific clubs such as the Personnel Management Club „Lider” in the past and, currently, the Public Relations Club. She is always surrounded by students and colleagues, always making friends through her personal charm and sense of humour.

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Prof. Paul Verluyten

Over the years I have met fascinating people from all over the world, yet only two of these became close friends. One is a tall American from Michigan; the other is a short, elegant lady from Gdańsk. One anecdote among many. Dorota delivered a lecture (well, not a lecture) in my Intercultural Business Communication class in Antwerp. Beginning with a few banal questions (where is this going?) it picked up speed, made the students first interested, then fascinated, then passionate about the issues raised. Don't be fooled by Dorota's discreet appearance. You may soon experience the full force and fire of her passion, her energy, her drive!

Prof. Jerzy Schroeder

In my wanderings through the scholarly world, I had the good luck to meet the always smiling Dorota, whose spirit of camaraderie and open-mindedness made me her colleague at work and a personal friend. In our work, we have often followed the same track known as human resources management and in the course of that adventure, we have helped future managers to their positions in top international companies. Dorota's publications and conference lectures have provided the impulse for research on the topic in research institutes all over the country.