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Historian and economist, full professor, born in Warsaw in 1947, he graduated from the Central School of Planning and Statistics (at present Warsaw School of Economics) in Warsaw in 1971. From 1974 he worked at the Central School as an assistant lecturer at the Department of Economic History where he earned Ph.D. (1978) on the grounds of a dissertation on *The Formation of the State Sector in Polish Industry and Banking 1918-24*, published as a book in Polish in 1982. His next book was *The Economic Role of Large Private Estates in the Polish Economy 1918-39*, published in Polish in 1986, which served as a foundation for his second degree in 1987. From November 1990 to August 1993 he was Pro-rector of the Warsaw School of Economics. From 1990 he has also been head of the East European Program of the Institute of Political Studies at the Polish Academy of Sciences and from 1994 to 2000 he was the Director of the Institute. In 1996 he was appointed full professor. From September 2000 to August 2002 he was the Kosciuszko Chair of Polish Studies at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. From July 2004 to July 2009 he was Member of the European Parliament.

For about 20 years he has lectured on modern history of East Central Europe to American students coming to Warsaw as well as made public speeches in Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, China, the Czech Republic, Latvia, New Zealand, Hungary, The United Kingdom, Italy and the United States (including August Zaleski Memorial Lecture, Harvard University 1993). From August 1985 to March 1986 he worked as a visiting researcher at the Georgetown University and from August 1988 to January 1989 he was Fellow at the Wilson Center of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C. In the spring semester of 1989 he was a visiting professor at the Department of History of the University of Maryland.

In 1989 his *Modern History of Poland 1918-1980* was published in Polish by the London press "Polonia" under the pseudonym Andrzej Albert (first edition: secretly in Poland in four volumes between 1982 and 1987, later many other editions). Abridged version of this book published by Wydawnictwo Naukowe PWN in Warsaw in several subsequent editions and serves as an academic textbook. His other books include: *Landowners in Poland 1918-1939* ("East European Monographs", Boulder, Colorado, 1991), *Land Reforms in East Central Europe after World War One*, (Warsaw, ISP PAN, 1995), and *Half a Century, a History of the World after 1945* (in Polish, Warsaw, PWN, 1997). He co-edited and authored the *Biographical Dictionary of East Central Europe in the Twentieth Century* (New York: M.E.Sharpe, 2008). His recent publications include: *East Central Europe. A Concise History* (2015) and *Cultural Heritage of East Central Europe. A Historical Outline* (2015).