

Professor Robert Piłat

Robert Piłat (born 1959) graduated from the Philosophical Faculty of the Academy of Roman Catholic Theology in Warsaw (epistemology, philosophy of nature). Postgraduate and postdoctoral studies and fellowships in Liechtenstein, Amsterdam and Lund. Since 1988 he works for Institute of Philosophy and Sociology at the Polish Academy of Science. He was active as the deputy director of this Institute in term 2000-2004. Currently the head of the Department of Logic and Cognitive Science.

His research field is in phenomenology, epistemology and philosophy of mind and his long term project is to combine cognitive scientific and phenomenological approach to human mind.

His early books were on Aron Gurwitsch theory of the field of consciousness (1993) and on the role of mental models among other forms of mental representations (1999). He also has a book in ethics concerning the problem of reparation of moral wrong (2003) as well as three co-authored manuals for philosophical education for high school students. His more recent papers including ones on time awareness, 3D visual perception, semantics of color names, the role of simulation in perception have been collected and published as "*Experience and Concept*" (2006). In the most recent book, "*On the Essence of Concepts*" (2007) a comprehensive philosophical theory of concepts is proposed.

For over last 20 years he has been engaged in various teaching activities including classes for philosophical students, courses for teachers and high school education; also active as radio broadcaster and organizer of popular scientific events.