



Prof. dr hab. Janusz Słodczyk is a full professor, a research worker at the University of Opole. For many years he has specialized in the problem of development, planning and transformations of the spatial and economic structure of cities. A vital part of Professor Słodczyk's scientific interest are problems of sustainable development of cities and regions.

He is the author or co-author of five monographs and of about 120 scientific papers, and also the scientific editor of over 20 collective works.

Selected scientific monographs:

- J. Słodczyk, *Historia planowania i budowy miast*, Uniwersytet Opolski, Opole 2012, ss. 441, [The History of Planning and Constructing Cities, Opole University 2012, 441 pages].
- J. Słodczyk, *Przestrzeń miasta i jej przeobrażenia*, Uniwersytet Opolski, Opole 2001, ss. 309, [The Space of the City and Its Transformations, Opole University, 2001, 309 pages].
- S. Korenik, J. Słodczyk (eds), *Podstawy gospodarki przestrzennej - wybrane aspekty*, Wyd. Akademii Ekonomicznej we Wrocławiu, Wrocław, 2005, [Foundations of Spatial Economy – Selected Aspects, The Publishing Office of the Academy of Economics in Wrocław, 2005].
- J. Słodczyk, *Geografia ekonomiczna*, Uniwersytet Opolski, 2006 (podręcznik w formie elektronicznej dla kierunku Ekonomia w ramach projektu nauczania na odległość), [Economic Geography, Opole University, 2006 (a course-book in the electronic form for students of economy, prepared within the framework of an e-learning project)].

The book “Historia planowania i budowy miast” received the grand prize of the Publishers' Association of Higher Education "Academicus" in the competition for the best textbook and academic script of 2013.

Since 1999 Professor Słodczyk has initiated and organized cyclical conferences such as “The City in the Period of Transformations” and then

“The Cities of the 21st Century”, which – every two years – attract a large circle of scientists: geographers, town-planners and economists, who deal with the problem of cities. The effect of the conferences was the publication of 14 collective volumes in the years 2000-2008, and then establishing, in 2010, of the scientific journal *Studia Miejskie* [*Urban Studies*], which became an important forum of scientific discussions concerning cities. The quarterly *Studia Miejskie*, whose editor-in-chief is Professor Słodczyk, was entered on the rating list of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education in 2012.

He was a co-founder and the first editor of the *Economic and Environmental Studies*, a journal edited in the English language, which also was entered on the Ministry’s rating list. Now it is Professor J. Platje who manages the journal.

Professor Słodczyk is a member of the Committee of Spatial Management of the Country at the Polish Academy of Sciences, and also of the Board of Studies on the Future of Upper Silesia at the Department of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Katowice.

He has performed a number of functions at the University of Opole:

- In the years 1989-92 - Deputy Director of the Institute of Economic Sciences of Teacher’s Training College;
- In the years 1992-1999 – Dean of the newly-formed Faculty of Economics of Opole University;
- Since 1992 – Head of the Section of Economic Geography and Spatial Economy;
- Since 2003 – Head of the Chair of Economic Geography and Spatial Economy;
- In the years 1999-2002 – Deputy Rector of Opole University in charge of scientific matters and foreign cooperation;
- In the years 2002-2005 – Deputy Rector of Opole University in charge of scientific matters and foreign cooperation;
- In the years 2005-2012 – Dean of the Faculty of Economics of Opole University;
- Since 1 September 2012 until present – Deputy Rector of Opole University in charge of education and finances.

