

Assessing Publications in the Humanities and Social Sciences: a Case of Parametric Evaluation in Poland

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I. Framework of Research Evaluation in Poland

38 million citizens
430 higher education
institutions
80.000 scholars



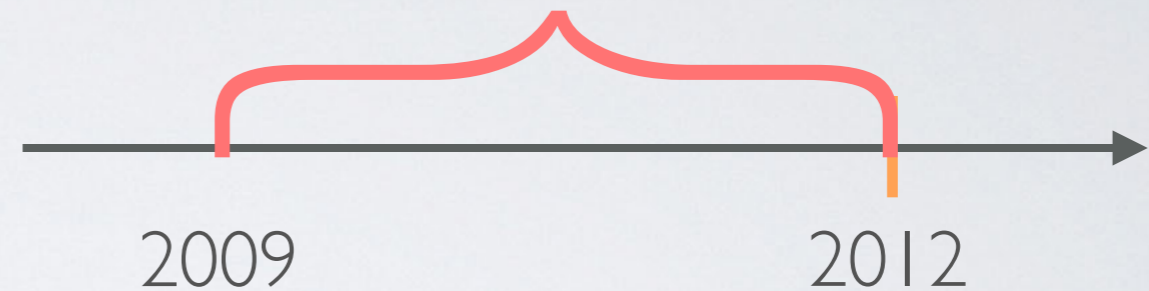
Comprehensive Evaluation of Scientific Units in Poland (CESU)



Ministry of Science
and Higher Education

Republic of Poland

the **2013** CESU



963 scientific units divided into four categories: A+, A, B, C

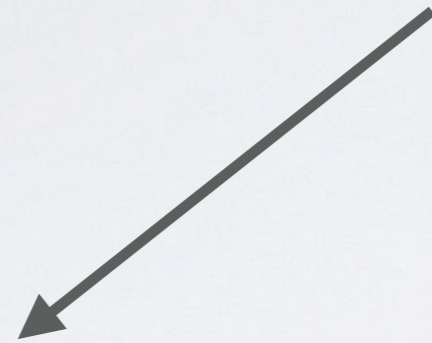
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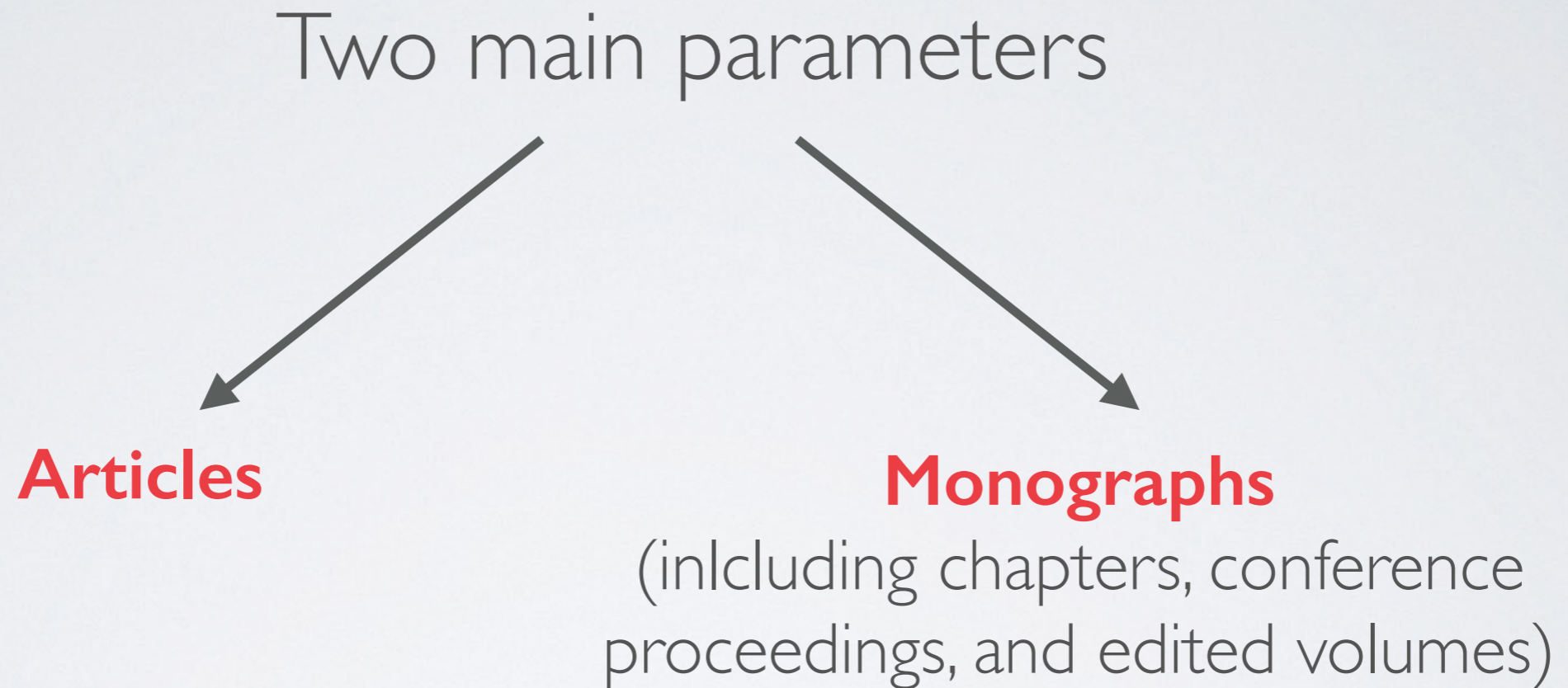
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The C list

Journals indexed in the European Reference Index for the Humanities.

10 points

Monographs

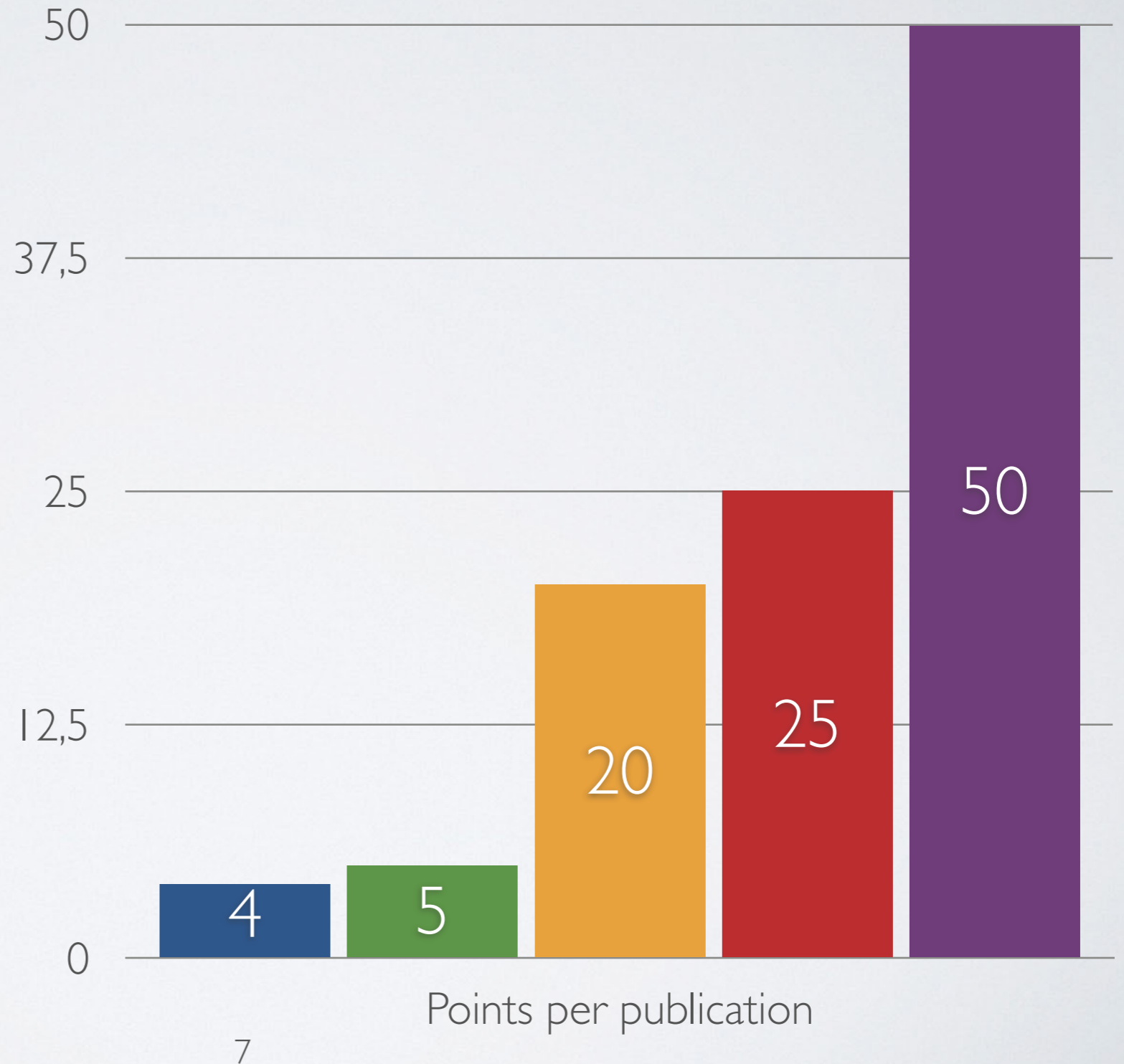
(chapters, edited volumes)

Conditions

1. It has to be reviewed and present an original research problem.
2. It has to contain a bibliography.
3. Its length should be at least 6 author's sheets.
4. Chapter length should be at least a half of author's sheet.

3. Some Consequences

- Chapter in Polish
- Chapter in English
- Monograph in Polish
- Monograph in English
- Article – the A list (max)



Writing in Polish

Monographs and chapters bring more points, when they are written in a **congress language*** than in **Polish**: it does not depend on the publisher's rank or the place of publication.

* English, German, French, Spanish, Russian, and Italian

Unintended Uses

Some universities have published such regulations:

- ▶ If you want to get a Ph.D., you have to collect 80 points (of course apart from writing the thesis), and
- ▶ If you want to get a habilitation*, you have to collect 250 points.

* the highest academic qualification in Poland

Punktoza → *Impactitis: The Impact Factor Myth Syndrome*

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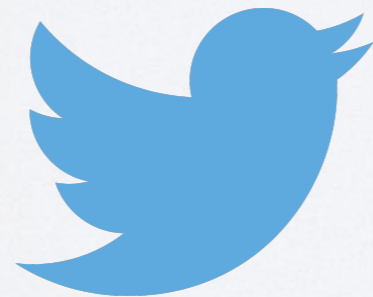
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5. The dealing with the research evaluation system.

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