

## **ABSTRACT**

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The dissertation "Changing the trajectory of public management reforms in Poland in the years 1989- 2019 – an institutional approach" is devoted to the issue of public management reforms in Poland that took place in recent decades.

The considerations undertaken in this dissertation are located in the theoretical reflection developed on the basis of neo-institutionalism. The dissertation utilizes an innovative theoretical approach. It centers on the integral perception of ideas, interests, circulation of ideas, institutions, actors, broken equilibrium, creators of ideas, institutional change in the processes of evolution of paradigms of public management and public sector reforms embedded in them.

The dissertation consists of an Introduction, five chapters, a Conclusion, a bibliography, and appendices. The first chapter ("Conceptual and theoretical assumptions") presents the theoretical focus of the dissertation. The next chapter ("Public governance reforms – an international perspective") discusses key models of public governance. The third chapter ("Analysis of public management reforms in Poland in the years 1989-2019") is devoted to the analysis of public management reforms introduced in Poland in the period 1989-2019. The fourth chapter ("Methodological assumptions of the study") contains the justification for the choice of the research subject, discusses the aims and hypotheses of the study and describes the research methodology used for the purposes of the dissertation. The next chapter ("Research results") presents the results of qualitative and quantitative research. In the last part ("Conclusions"), the results of the research are summarized and discussed.