

## **ON THE APPLICATION OF CRITICAL APPROACH TO THE STUDIES OF CONTEMPORARY SOCIO-POLITICAL SITUATION IN POLAND**

### **Abstract**

The dynamic character of political changes necessitates the use of various scientific paradigms, research approaches, techniques, methods and methodologies. The following paper constitutes a reflection on the application of critical approach and examines how the critical approach and attitude can be applied more broadly to study a socio-political situation. Making this approach more popular should help to expand the potential of political science with research methods, reflection and attitudes that can help address numerous problems of contemporary Polish situation and meet the expectations of the proponents of applied political science as well. The paper explores the reasons behind the reluctance in the use of this approach in Poland and presents arguments supporting the change in this state of affairs. The reasons why a critical stance towards contemporary socio-political phenomena should be employed more often are also provided.

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