

## Summary

This doctoral dissertation presents a comprehensive account of the development of the Szczecin academic center for economic sciences, which was organizationally situated within the Wydział Inżynieryjno-Ekonomiczny at Politechnika Szczecińska between 1955 and 1985. A distinctive feature of the Szczecin academic community of economists was the integration of engineering elements into the field of economics. This led to a connection between the economics of various branches of transport and technical sciences focused on the operation of transport equipment, as well as with accounting and finance in transport enterprises. It was precisely this interdisciplinary approach that marked the uniqueness of the Szczecin center for academic economic research.

Several research methods were employed in this work. Primarily, the inductive method was used, i.e., the direct establishment of facts based on archival sources. Elements of the statistical method were also applied to analyze numerical data and represent them, along with the linguistic method used for interpreting handwritten texts and documents written in the specific language of the period under study.

Apart from the introduction and conclusion, the dissertation consists of three chronologically ordered chapters. The internal structure of the chapters is thematic. An exception to this structure is the third chapter, which showcases the discussion within the academic economic community regarding the choice of future development paths. It partially overlaps chronologically with the second chapter. Chronologically, the dissertation covers the years 1955–1985, the period in which academic economics in Szczecin developed within the Wydział Inżynieryjno-Ekonomiczny Politechniki Szczecińskiej. However, it is worth noting that the introductory chapter analyzes the fate of the academic environment before the establishment of Politechnika Szczecińska, covering the years 1946–1955.

The first chapter addresses the development of the community of Szczecin economists within the structures of the Akademia Handlowa w Poznaniu Oddział w Szczecinie, and later the Wyższa Szkoła Ekonomiczna. The second chapter focuses on the Wydział Inżynieryjno-Ekonomiczny Politechniki Szczecińskiej, while the third chapter describes the deliberations among economists at the beginning of the 1980s, when academics had to decide whether to join the emerging University of Szczecin or to pursue institutional independence. The concluding section of the third chapter provides a brief overview of the subsequent history of the academic economic community originating from Politechnika Szczecińska after 1985.