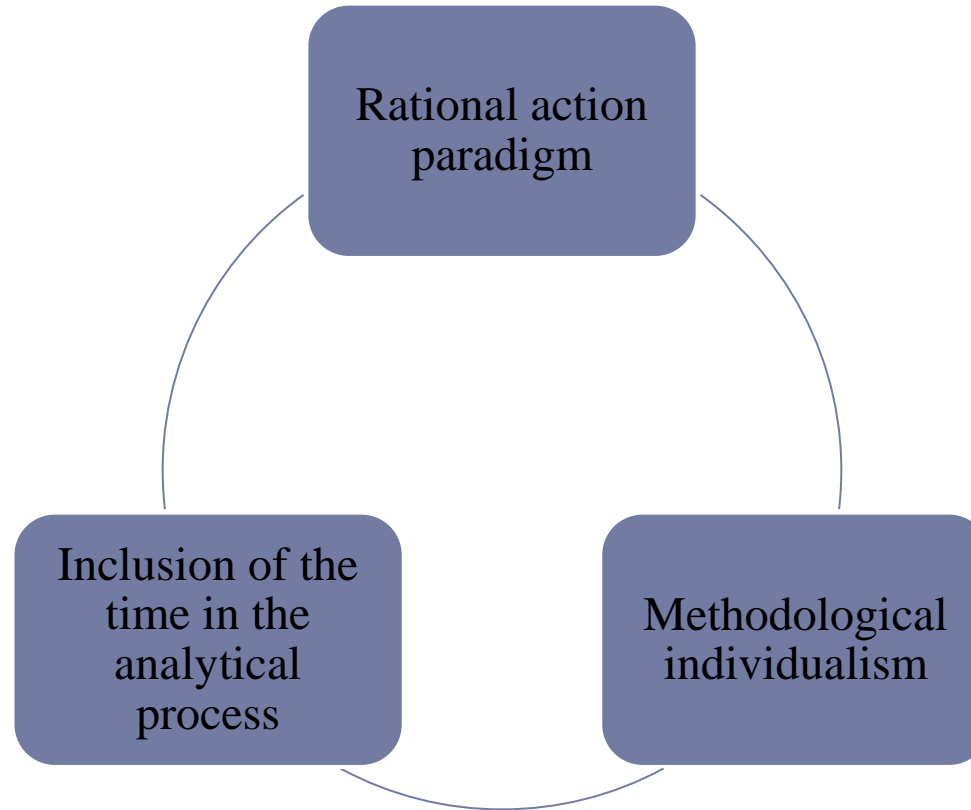


# **POLPAN 1988 – 2013: Challenges for Constructing Questionnaires for Longitudinal Research on Social Structure and Inequalities**

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# Theoretical background

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Coleman 1981, Sorensen 1974, Sorensen 1974 and 1996, Goldthorpe 2006, Blossfeld and Perin 1998, Breen 2010, Mayer 2009

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# POLPAN

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Panel surveys carried out since 1988 in 5-year intervals,

Focused on describing the social structure and its change during the last 25 years in Poland

social structure

changes in class  
structure

occupation careers

social mobility

differences in the  
standard of living

the process of  
adaptation to a market  
economy

the impact of the  
location in social  
structure on political  
attitudes and behavior;

perception of social  
conflicts

European integration

health issues

emigration

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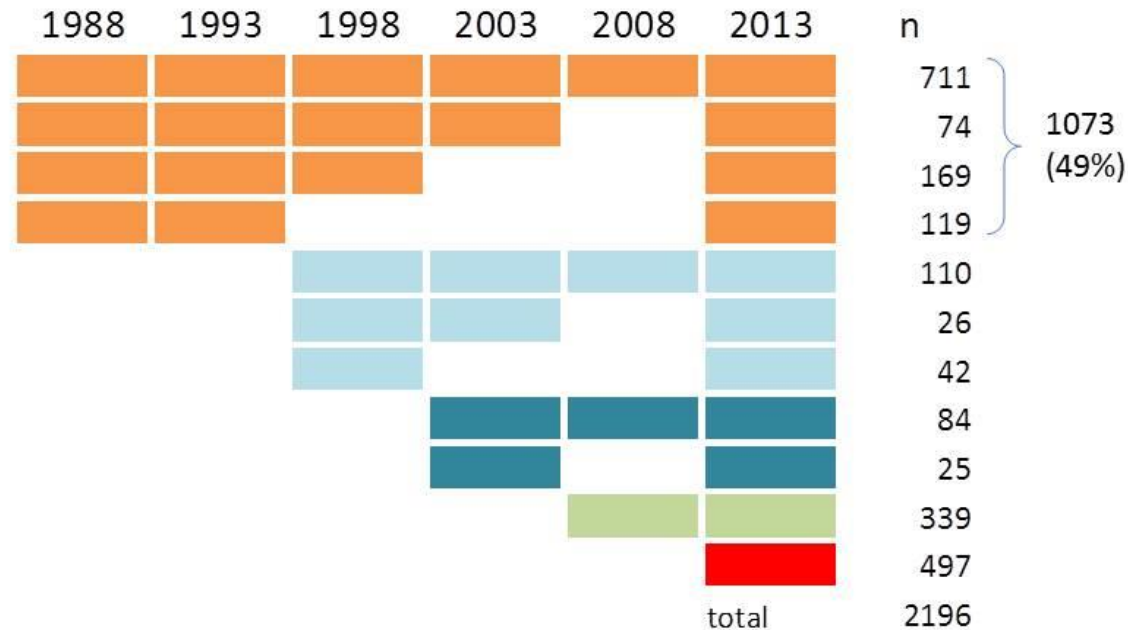
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- First, conducting the subsequent wave of the POLPAN panel study in the way which will ensure maximum comparability with previous methods and will enable a continuation of panel data analysis from previous years.
  - Second, complementing data of POLPAN participants, so as to incur the quality of data and the number of respondents for whom information is complete or at least contains information which enables reconstruct the main events of life trajectories. The decision was to aim to return to all respondents for whom we have addresses - along with an attempt to reach out to people who participated in the survey in 1989. It succeeded with obtaining 362 respondents and the result base of the panel increased to 1073 respondents.
  - Third, the project also includes planning POLPAN's future in the sense of continuation of the panel. The first steps towards this were made in 2003 and 2008 (subsamples of 21-25 respondents). In 2013 497 youngest people were added to the database.
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# Polish Panel Survey POLPAN 1998-2013

## POLPAN 1988-2013: Histories of 2013 respondents

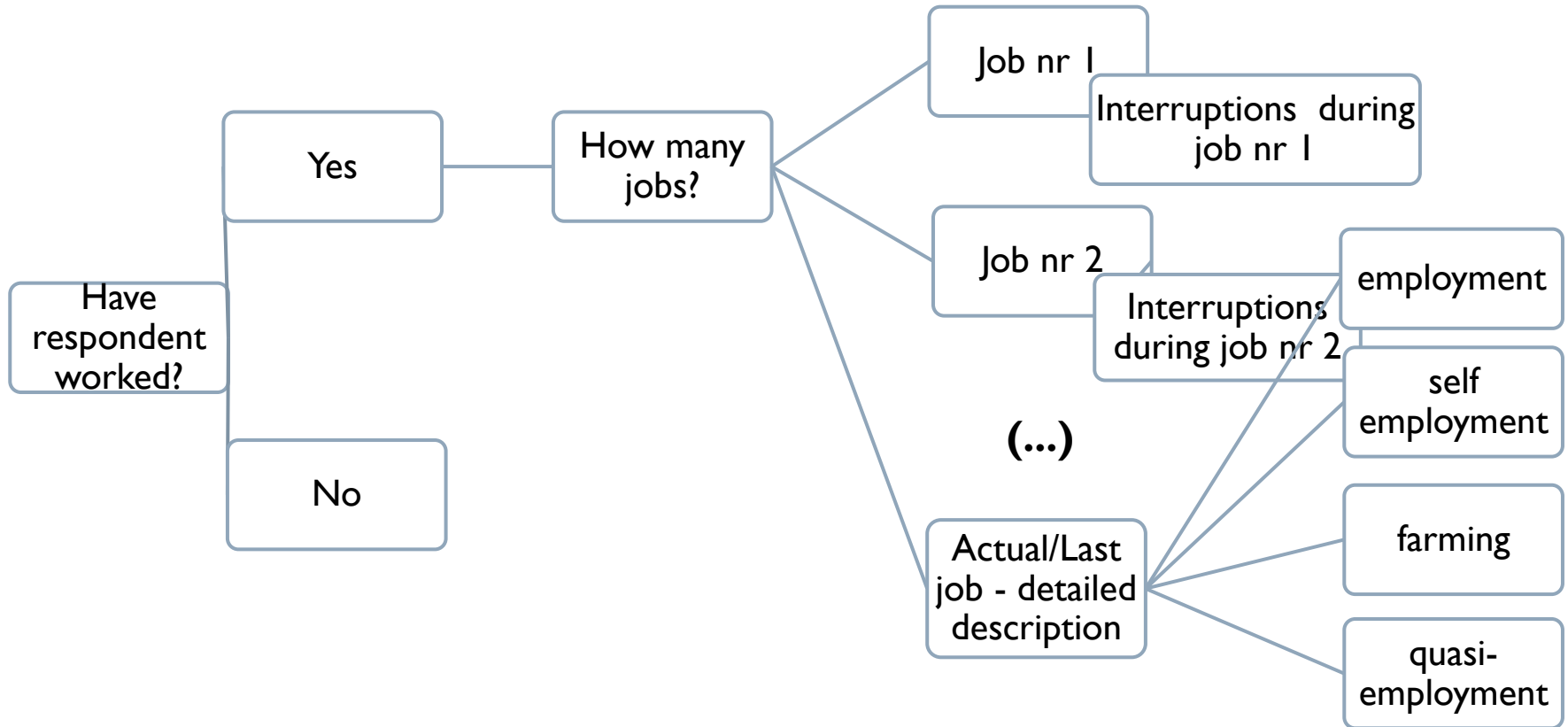


# Polish Panel Survey POLPAN 1998-2013

## POLPAN 6<sup>th</sup> Round 2013

Sample ID	Category	Age	Sample size	Interviews	Response Rate
MM-13	NEW panelists 2013	21-25	795	497	63%
PM-08	New panelists 2008	26-30	540	339	63%
PP-08	OLD panelists 2008	31-70	863	713	83%
PP-03	Panelists 2003	31-70	280	110	39%
PP-98/93	Panelists 1993/1998	36-70	608	267	44%
PS-88	Panelists 1993-2008 aged 71+	71-91	546	270	49%
TOTAL			3632		

# Occupational Careers



# Occupational Careers

<p><b>F01-1.</b> Which of the descriptions listed on this card fits your first job in the period we are talking about?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If first digit 1 → F01-1A If first digit 2 → F01-2 If first digit 3 → F01-1B</p>	<p><b>(1) F01-1A.</b> F01-1A. What kind of employment contract did you have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- open-ended employment</li> <li>(1) full-time → F01-2</li> <li>(2) part-time → F01-2</li> <li>- fixed-term employment</li> <li>(3) full-time → F01-2</li> <li>(4) part-time → F01-2</li> <li>(5) other → F01-1B</li> </ul>	<p><b>F01-1B.</b> Was it employment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) on the basis of a civil-law contract: contract of mandate</li> <li>(2) on the basis of a civil-law contract: contract for specific work</li> <li>(3) without any written agreement</li> <li>(4 – other situation)</li> </ul> <p>If cyclical employment, number of months per year: _____</p>
<p><b>F01-2.</b> Please provide the name of your occupation, job title and describe your main job activities.</p> <p>Occupation _____</p> <p>Job title _____</p> <p>Main activities _____</p>	<p><b>F01-3.</b> When did you start working in this job?</p> <p><input type="text"/><input type="text"/><input type="text"/><input type="text"/> <i>Year</i></p> <p><input type="text"/><input type="text"/> <i>Month</i></p>	



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<p><b>F01-4.</b> Just before you started this job, did someone occupy that position, or was it a newly created job?</p> <p>(1 – someone worked in this position before) (2 – it was a newly created job) (8)</p>	<p><b>F01-5.</b> [DO NOT ASK IF FIRST JOB] Before taking this job, did you work in the same firm?</p> <p>(1 – yes) (2 – no)</p>	<p><b>F01-6.</b> How many hours a week did you actually work on this job? Number of hours ____</p>
<p><b>F01-7.</b> Did you stop working in this job? If yes, then when?</p> <p><i>Year</i> □□□□ <i>Month</i> □□</p> <p>(0-no) → <b>F01-9</b></p>	<p><b>F01-8.</b> Did you stop working in this job because of</p> <p>(1) group layoffs or the elimination of your job (2) other difficulties with the firm (3) expiration of employment contract (4) R's individual decision (5) other reasons?</p>	<p><b>F01-9.</b> Did you have (or do you have) another job?</p> <p>(1=yes) → We will talk about this job in a moment, but before that I would like to ask you another question → F01-10A (2=no) → first ask F01-10B → INSTRUCTION B, p. 23</p>

# Occupational Careers

**F09-10A. F09-10A. Have you experienced an interruption in your work lasting more than three months, either during this job (the one we were just talking about) or between this job and the next? If yes, fill in the table below, then → interviewer instruction. If no [...] → interviewer instruction → INSTRUCTION B, p. 23**

**F09-10B. During this job, have you experienced an interruption in your work lasting more than three months? Note: if yes, ask about all the reasons, writing the date of the beginning month and duration in months of each interruption in the appropriate cells. Reasons which repeat themselves should be reported in rows (h) and (i). If no [...] → INSTRUCTION B, p. 23**

Reason for interruption Interruption began in year / month Year began Month began Duration of interruption	Interruption began in year / month				Duration of interruption	
	Year began		Month began			
(a) Paid parental leave (maternity / paternity)						
(b) Unpaid parental leave						
(c) Education						
(d) Illness						
(e) Housework or/and care for family members						
(f) Unemployment						
(g) Retirement / disability						
(h) Other – what?....						

# POLPAN Solutions

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- personalization of the questionnaires for the history of participation in POLPAN and age category (6 versions of the questionnaire),
  - maintaining the identical structure of questions while adapting them to age categories,
  - specific structure of questions about career path,
  - calendar card,
  - casual conversation and a refilling of structured tables by the interviewer
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# POLPAN DATA

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All actual information about POLPAN are available on the project website <http://polpan.org>.  
The POLPAN data are in the public domain, available at the Polish Data Archive (Archiwum Danych Społecznych, [www.ads.org.pl](http://www.ads.org.pl))  
GESIS–Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences ([www.gesis.org](http://www.gesis.org)).

The merged (panel) data set, after the addition of 2013 data, will be also available through the Comparative Social Inequality section of the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences (e-mail: [polpan@ifispan.waw.pl](mailto:polpan@ifispan.waw.pl)).

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