

Review of Andrzej Miszczuk and Magdalena Miszczuk, *Local Economic Policy in Poland. Conditions, Institutions, Instruments*

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Economic policy is usually associated with the impact of state authorities on the national economy, which suggests its macroeconomic nature. However, it is not only the state authorities that affect the economy. A very important role is also played by local authorities especially municipalities. Therefore, the authors of the reviewed book rightly define local economic policy as: “the conscious impact of a local public administration unit (municipality) on economic phenomena, using specific tools to achieve established goals” (p. 11). The aim of their monograph is to clarify the concept of local economic policy: its objective and subjective scope and conditions. The deliberations are conducted from the perspective of three decades of the existence of local governments in Poland.

The monograph consists of seven chapters. The first chapter presents the basic concepts and goals of economic policy as well as its various conditions (ecological, geopolitical, systemic and administrative, socio-demographic and economic-political). The second chapter contains an analysis of local economic policy in Poland in the last thirty years. The next four chapters are devoted to detailed local economic policies, including fiscal, ownership, municipal and spatial policies. The last chapter presents ways of coordinating specific policies within the framework of local economic policy.

A very valuable result of the authors’ deliberations is the formulation of measures for each of the four policies for their assessment. The proposed indicators may be helpful in attempts to quantify local economic policy, for example by means of taxonomic methods, enabling the classification of municipalities, powiats and voivodships in terms of achieving local economic policy goals.

Another strong point of the monograph is the fact that its authors conducted their analysis on the basis of current legal regulations, to a large extent taking into account the solutions adopted during the COVID-19 epidemic.²

Andrzej Miszczuk and Magdalena Miszczuk’s monograph is an important position in the field of social sciences. It can be recommended not only to researchers of local government in Poland, but also, and above all, to practitioners who encounter the issues raised in the monograph in their daily work. It can also be an important position in the field of economics and law.

1. The book is published in Polish, original title: *Lokalna polityka gospodarcza w Polsce. Uwarunkowania, instytucje, instrumenty*.

2. See: “On Local Economic Policy after Thirty Years of Existence. Review of the Book by Andrzej Miszczuk and Magdalena Miszczuk, *Local Economic Policy in Poland. Conditions, Institutions, Instruments*” by Arkadiusz Ptak. [review originally published in Polish: Ptak, A. 2022. “O lokalnej polityce gospodarczej po trzydziestu latach istnienia. Recenzja książki Andrzeja Miszczuka i Magdaleny Miszczuk, *Lokalna polityka gospodarcza w Polsce. Uwarunkowania, instytucje, instrumenty*.” *Wiś i Rolnictwo* 3 (192):125–128. doi: 10.53098/wir032021/05; available at <https://kwartalnik.irwirpan.waw.pl/wir/article/view/803> – Ed.].