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### Research Interest

fractal analysis of financial markets, Efficient Market Hypothesis, Fractal Market Hypothesis, financial and real investments efficiency evaluation, risk measurement

### Education

Ph.D., Doctoral Studies, University of Economics in Katowice	2016
Field: Social sciences	
Discipline: Economics and finance	
Dissertation: <i>Implications of the fractal market theory for financial investment risk assessment</i>	
M.A., Faculty of Finance and Insurance, University of Economics in Katowice	2011
Specialization: Finance and investments	
Thesis: <i>Methodical issues in verifying the efficient market hypothesis – case of PKO BP SA prices</i>	

### Professional Experience

University of Economics in Katowice	
Faculty of Finance, Department of Investment – lecturer and researcher	since 2015
Manager of the Finance and Accounting for Business study programme	since 2021
Faculty Advisor in CFA Institute Research Challenge	since 2020
Other	
Authorship of studies commissioned by enterprises (investment projects)	since 2012

### International Experience

Erasmus+ Teaching Mobility	
Université de Bretagne Occidentale	2021
VŠB - Technical University of Ostrava	2020
University of Maribor	2019
Mendel University in Brno	2017
University of Szeged	2017, 2019

## Projects

*Internationalisation, initiatives to establish a new source of researchers and graduates and development of knowledge and technological transfer as instruments of intelligent specialisations at Széchenyi István University, EFOP-3.6.1-16-2016-00017* 2019

## Seminars

*Theory and Practice of Financial Markets, Investment Assessment of Commercial and Infrastructural Projects – seminar for researchers and representatives of National Bank of the Republic of Belarus and commercial banks, Palessie State University in Pinsk* 2020

## Research Projects

### Funding from Polish National Science Centre

*Identification, implementation, and evaluation of adjustments in the methodology of estimating the fractal dimension of financial time series based on the variation method (main researcher)* 2020

### Funding from Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education

*Fractal portfolio (main researcher)* 2021

*Efficiency of investing in socially responsible enterprises (main researcher)* 2020

*Influence of fractal dimension on investment efficiency – comparative analysis (main researcher)* 2019

*Sustainable investments (research team member)* 2018-2020

*Fractal dimension vs. classical risk measures (main researcher)* 2017

*Problems of estimating fractal dimension in investment risk quantification (main researcher)* 2016

## Honours and Awards

*Winner of the Competition for the Best Ph.D. Dissertation devoted to Financial Markets Defended in 2016 (The Polish Financial Supervision Authority)* 2017

*Winner of the Competition for the Best Ph.D. Dissertation Defended in 2016 - Finance (International Consortium PROGRES 3)* 2017

*Rector's Individual Award for the Ph.D. dissertation* 2017

*World Silver Medallion and Country Gold Medallion for Pearson LCCI Certificate Level 3 English for Business - Pass with Distinction, CEF C1* 2017

*Award for the paper Agricultural commodities prices fluctuations from a fractal point of view (conference Wyzwania współczesnej gospodarki w perspektywie badań młodych naukowców, Faculty of Economics, Warsaw University of Life Sciences)* 2015

*Scholarship of the National Bank of Poland Fund for Ph.D. students* 2013

*M.A. graduation – best student at Faculty of Finance and Insurance* 2011

Laureate of the <i>Grasz o staż</i> competition	2011
Winner of the <i>Experience PwC</i> competition	2010
Award of the Director of National School of Public Administration – <i>Competition for Case Studies in Economics</i>	2009

## Teaching

Bachelor, master and postgraduate studies (Polish and English programmes): courses devoted to problems connected with risk measurement, portfolio management, financial mathematics, investment efficiency appraisal, investment models and strategies, valuation of enterprises

## Student Supervision

Bachelor and master theses (in Polish and in English) since 2017

## Organisational Activities

Vice-chair of Organizing Committee for International Scientific Conference *Sustainable Finance and Investment* at University of Economics in Katowice 2018

## Membership in Organisations

Polish Economic Society since 2015

## Main Publications

- M. Foltyn-Zarychta, R. Buła, K. Pera: [Discounting for Energy Transition Policies—Estimation of the Social Discount Rate for Poland](#). “Energies” 2021, 14(3), 741, doi.org/10.3390/en14030741.
- R. Buła: [Transition matrix and stochastic kernel for repeatability assessment of performance of Polish open pension funds](#). “Entrepreneurship and Sustainability Issues” 2020, 8(2), 60, doi.org/10.9770/jesi.2020.8.2(60).
- R. Buła: [Implikacje teorii rynku fraktalnego dla oceny ryzyka inwestycji finansowych](#) [Implications of the fractal market theory for financial investment risk assessment]. Urząd Komisji Nadzoru Finansowego, Warszawa 2019, doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4532619.
- R. Buła: [Analiza wymiaru fraktalnego spółek notowanych na Giełdzie Papierów Wartościowych w Warszawie - aspekty metodyczne](#) [Analysis of fractal dimension of shares traded at the Warsaw Stock Exchange – methodical issues]. „Nauki o Finansach”, nr 1/2017, doi.org/10.15611/nof.2017.1.01.
- R. Buła, K. Pera: [Применение концепции фрактальной размерности для оценки инвестиционного риска на финансовых рынках](#) [Idea of fractal dimension analysis in investment risk assessment in financial markets]. [In:] В. В. Иванов, Д. Н. Колесов, Д. А. Львова, А. Н. Лякин (eds.):

Международный экономический симпозиум 2015 – Сборник статей. СПГУ, Санкт-Петербург 2015, doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4533155.

R. Buła: [Efektywność informacyjna a zachowanie cen akcji tworzących indeks WIG20](#) [*Behavior of WIG20 index components prices from efficient capital markets theorist viewpoint*]. „Studia Ekonomiczne”, nr 177/2014, doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4533270.

K. Pera, R. Buła, D. Mitrenga: *Modele inwestycyjne* [*Investment models*]. Wydawnictwo C. H. Beck, Warszawa 2014, doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4533279.

### Main Conference Speeches

*(In) Efficient capital markets? Efficient Market Hypothesis – The First Pillar of Asset Pricing*  
Seminar in the Theory and Practice of Financial Markets, Investment Assessment of Commercial and Infrastructural Projects, Palesie State University in Pinsk, 2020

*Relationships between fractal dimension and chosen non-fractal measures of risk – correlation analysis*  
15<sup>th</sup> International Scientific Conference “European Financial Systems”, Masaryk University in Brno, 2018

*Analiza wymiaru fraktalnego spółek notowanych na Giełdzie Papierów Wartościowych w Warszawie SA – aspekty metodyczne*  
Ogólnopolska Konferencja Naukowa „Finanse – Statystyka – Badania Empiryczne”, Wrocław University of Economics and Business, 2016

*Fluktuacje cen towarów rolnych w świetle analizy fraktalnej*  
Wyzwania współczesnej gospodarki w perspektywie badań młodych naukowców, Warsaw University of Life Sciences, 2015

*Ryzyko inwestycji a wymiar fraktalny*  
Inwestowanie w aktywa rzeczowe i finansowe, University of Economics in Katowice, 2013