

Uwagi na temat historiografii dziedziny nauki
Remarks on the historiography of the scientific field

SUMMARY

Some terminological-conceptual distinctions: the scientific field, and subfield sciences; the history of the scientific field (vs. the genetic train of science fields); the history of the scientific field, and the history of subfield sciences; the historiography of the scientific field, and historiographies of subfield sciences. The subject of the historiography of the scientific field is the history of the scientific field (and not recorded events in the scientific field). The historiography of the scientific field in descriptive and normative conceptions. In reality, neither approach to the practice of the historiography of the scientific field occurs in a pure form. Autonomous and heterogeneous goals of the history of the scientific field, put forward within the framework of the historiography of the scientific field. The basic subject of the history of the scientific field is recorded events in the scientific field, that is, events involving institutions that employ scientists, involving the scientists themselves, involving goals set by scientists, involving research activities, methods and products. The interests of historians of the scientific field encompass not only institutions that produce new knowledge, but institutions that propagate and preserve knowledge, etc. Furthermore, they take in relations between the scientific field and other fields within the super field of culture, for example, politics and philosophy; and the organization of scientific research, international contacts among scientists, the teaching of various subfield sciences, etc. Not every historian of science must realize every possible goal of the history of the scientific field. The recorded events in the posing and solving of problems, as a prime research task for historians of the scientific field. The history of so-called native (here, Polish) scientific field, and the history of the so-called universal (world) scientific field. Internalist vs. externalist history of the scientific field. Antiquarian vs. presentist history of the scientific field. A moderate presentism as a normative position within the framework of the historiography of the scientific field, and goals of practicing the history of the scientific field.

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