

ANALYTICAL CENTERS AND THINK TANKS IN BELARUS

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This list has not intend to provide all information about all existing analytical centers and think tanks in Belarus, but tries to collect as much information as possible about organizations dealing with political or social science as a sector. The Pontis Foundation will regularly update the list enlarging number of existing organizations and adding information about those already on the list.

Belarusian analytical centers and think tanks may be divided into three categories:

- 1) State academic research and analytic centers,
- 2) Non-governmental education institution
- 3) Non-governmental think tanks and analytical center

State Academic Research and Analytic Centers

Administration Academy of President of the Republic of Belarus

Director: Stanislau Knyazeu

Website: <http://www.pacademy.edu.by/>

Description: Dealing with state management and state ideology issues, and with preparation of the state administration staff. There are two structures created within the Presidential Administration: State Service Institute and State Administration Institute.

Belarus Law Institute

Director: S.Sokol

Website: http://pravoved.at.tut.by/default_eng.html

Description: Providing distance legal education and legal research

Institute for National Security

Director: Mikola Rabchonak

Website: *none*

Description: Preparation of human resources for state security institutions and senior management staff for all law enforcement structures.

Republican Institute of Graduate School

Rector: Mihail Dzyamchuk

Website: <http://www.nihe.niks.by/>

Description: Non-commercial state institution working on education system, protection of labor and industrial security. Providing scientific and analytical activity concerns legal, methodical and informational reserach for improving educational process.

Institute for Socio-Political Research of the Administration of President of Belarus

Director: Yaugen Matusevich

Website: www.ispi.minsk.by

Description:Leading socio-political research centre created exclusively for the purposes of the presidential administration for strengthening state propaganda. Currently under institutional reform.

Department of Political Studies at the Belarusian State University

Website: <http://www.bsu.by/main.asp?id1=20&id2=310>

Description: Coordination of preparation of political scientists, but also playing a decent role in elaboration of state ideology.

Department of Sociological Studies at the Belarusian State University

Website: <http://www.ffsn.bsu.by/html/structure/caj/sociology/>

Description: Preparation of social scientists

Centre for International Studies at the Belarusian State University

Website: <http://www.centis.bsu.by>

Description: Elaboration and prognostic research on world economy, international relations and regional policies.

Centre for Sociological and Political Research at the Belarusian State University

Website: <http://www.cspr.bsu.by/Main%20Page.htm>

Description: State sociologic and ideology agency.

National Academy of Sciences, Institute of Sociology

Website: <http://www.ac.by/organizations/institutes/inogum.html#off3368>

Description: National state academic research institution on social sciences.

Institute for Scientific Research on Socio-Economic and Political Issues of Minsk City Executive Committee

Website: http://www.minsk.gov.by/cgi-bin/org_ps.pl?mode=ind&k_org=3636

Description: Institution implementing monitoring research on city level.

Institute for Regional Socio-Political Research of Mogilev Regional Executive Committee

Director: Mikalai Lihachou

Website: *no webpage*

Description: Organization providing regional research.

National Centre of Legislative Activities of Administration of President of the Republic of Belarus

Website: <http://ncpi.gov.by/>

Description: The main state institution responsible for drafting laws and legal regulations.

Non Governmental Educational Organizations

Belarusian College

Director: Alies Antsipienka

Website: <http://www.bk.baj.ru>

Description: Educational – so-called “invisible” institution, forum for public lectures and political discussions, place for intellectual, cultural and artistic dialogue, contact and cooperation with colleagues from East, Central and West European countries.

Research Centers of European Humanities University (EHU)

Website: www.ehu-international.org, gender-ehu.org

Description: The re-opened European Humanities University in Vilnius runs Centre for European and Transatlantic research, Centre for European Integration Issues, CASE Centre for Perspective Scientific Research, Centre for Gender Research, Centre for Civil Education

Independent Institute for Socio-Economic and Political Studies

Director: Oleg Manaev

Website: <http://www.iiseps.org/>

Description: Non-governmental institute providing sociological research and public opinion polls, research on economics and political science, consultations, publications, dissemination of information-analytical materials, and professional training.

Institute for Privatization and Management

Director: Pavel Danejko

Website: <http://www.ipm.by>

Description: Member of the CASE research network, providing comprehensive studies of the economy of Belarus, elaborates recommendations for reforming Belarusian economy, advises on economic issues, promotes public and professional dialogue on urgent problems of social and economic development of the country, trains specialists and develops intellectual environment for the implementation of economic transformation in Belarus.

Non Governmental Think Tanks and Analytical Center

Analytical Center Strategy

Director: Leonid Zaiko

Website: <http://www.strategy.by.com>

Association of Belarusian Journalists

Director: Zhana Litvina

Website: <http://www.baj.ru>

Description: Non-governmental, non-profit organization providing legal support of journalists, organizes training programs, monitors violations in the media field

Belarus Center of Constitutionalism and Comparative Law Studies

Director: Aliaksandar Vashkevich

Description: Organization of law experts (lawyers, university professors, ex Judges of Constitutional Court) who work for promotion of constitutional reform in Belarus, reforming of electoral legislation, legal education of the population.

Center for Social Innovations

Director: Tatsiana Poshevalova

Website: <http://csi.by.com>

Center for Studies of the Future

Director: Alaksandar Patupa

Foundation for Legal Technologies (former Independent Society for Legal Research)

Director: Elena Tonkacheva

Website: <http://nopi.iatp.by>

Description: Non-governmental, non profit organization providing legal research on freedom of associations, freedom of information, access to justice and right to a fair court, and organizing educational activities for the realization and effective protection of human rights and freedoms in the Republic of Belarus.

Humanitarian Technologies Agency

Director: Vladimir Matskevich

Website: <http://worvik.com/worvik.htm>

Information and Analytical Center for Belarusian NGOs

Director: Vladimir Rovdo

Website: <http://www.iac.unibel.by>

Description: Non-governmental non-profit organization providing research on civil society processes, and organizing educational programs for Belarusian NGOs

International Institute for Policy Studies

Director: Viacheslav Pozniak

Website: <http://iips-main.at.tut.by/rus/index-r.html>

Description: Non-governmental organization focusing on developing policy recommendations through a scholarly analysis of social, economic, political, ethno-cultural, technological, military and ecological developments in individual states, as well as of the formative regional and global trends with a view to facilitating viable solutions of issues.

Lev Sapieha Foundation

Director: Aliaksandar Zhuchkov

Website: <http://www.sapega.org>

Description: Non-governmental organization providing research and education activities on local self-government

Mises Center

Director: Jaroslav Romanchuk

Website: <http://liberty-belarus.org>

Description: Non-governmental non-profit organization providing economic research for popularizing philosophy, ideology and practice of liberal market based on individual choice, personal responsibility and absolute protection of possession rights. Center works for popularization of methodology and basic theoretical ideas of Austrian school of economy.

NOVAK Sociological Laboratory

Director: Andrej Vardomatski

Website: <http://www.novak.by>

Description: Independent organization specialized in sociological research in the field of marketing, media and public opinion. NOVAK provides consulting services in these fields.

Private Initiatives (Vitebsk)

Director: Valery Zhurakovskij

Research and Education Center „Logos“ (Brest)

Director: Anatol Lysiuk

Third way

Website: <http://www.3dway.org/>

Description: Initiative promoting democratic development of Belarus

Association of Belarusian think tanks

Website: <http://bfm.org.by>

Description: Organization provides statistical research and publications on different fields of life in Belarus, makes national questionnaires, organizes public opinion monitoring, issues informational bulletin of analytic and scientific research centres of Belarus.

Social Technologies

Director: Alexandr Feduta

Website: <http://www.nmn.by>

„Orakul“ Social Resources Development Center (Homiel)

Director: Anatol Kasjanenko

Description: Non governmental non profit organization specializing in politics and social technologies in the field of regional development (social research, social communication, training programs).

Analytical Websites

Arche <http://arche.home.by>

BDG <http://bdg.by/>

Belarus Journal of International Law and International Relations

<http://beljournal.by.ru/2004/2/index.shtml/>

Belarusian Justice <http://justbel.by.ru/>

Belgazeta <http://www.belgazeta.by/>

BNF <http://pbnf.org/>

Charter 97 <http://www.charter97.org>

Delo Belarus <http://www.delobelarus.com/english/view.html?archiv=25042002>

Euromost <http://www.euramost.org/>

Herald of Belarus State University of Economics

<http://www.bseu.by/Russian/Scientific/herald.htm/>

Herald of Belarus State University

<http://www.bsu.by/main.asp?id1=20&id2=344/>

IISEPS NEWS <http://www.iiseps.by/ebullet.html>

Levaya Belarus <http://leftbelarus.org/>

Nase Mnenie <http://nmnby.org/>

NGO Assembly <http://www.belngo.info/>

Naviny <http://www.naviny.by/>

Partnership <http://www.partnerstva.org/>

Personality.Culture.Society

<http://www.lko.ru/jur.htm/>

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus

<http://www.ac.by/publications/vestih/index.html/>

United Civic Party <http://www.ucpb.org/>

Wider Europe <http://w-europe.org/>