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Self-government political elites in the cities with "poviat" (local administrative unit) status in Silesian region (voivodeship) following the 2018 elections

Abstract

This work is a case study of local government political elites of cities with poviat status in the Silesian Voivodeship. Chapter I presents theoretical considerations. It was aimed at showing the evolution of research on political elites. Particular attention was paid to discussing Vilfred Pareto's concept of the circulation of the political elite, as it is the basis of the main research question. Chapter II presents the ambiguity of the concept of local government and presents a synthetic analysis of building local government in Poland, with particular emphasis on the position of cities with poviat rights. Chapter III, which is devoted to the determination of the political elite replacement index for city councils, presents the circulation in the office of the president, and analyzes the circulation of local election committees. Chapters IV and V present the results of empirical research conducted in 19 cities with poviat status, after the 2018 elections. The final part of the work consists of a summary and conclusions.

Keywords

political elites, cities with poviat rights, Śląskie Voivodeship, the exchange index of the political elite

