



Magdalena Kruczek

Dr. Magdalena Kruczek is an Assistant Professor at the Institute of Legal Sciences, University of Rzeszów, Poland. Since 2014, she has been engaged in academic teaching, delivering lectures, seminars, workshops, and practical classes in forensic science and criminology. She is a Police officer with many years of professional experience in the field of forensic science. She began her professional career as a crime scene investigator, participating in crime scene examinations and the collection of forensic evidence. She subsequently worked as a fingerprint examiner and court-appointed fingerprint expert, and later served as the head of a forensic laboratory. Her experience encompasses fieldwork, laboratory practice, and expert witness activities, enabling her to combine academic research with extensive practical experience gained in law enforcement. Dr. Kruczek collaborates with the NATO Stability Policing Centre of Excellence in Vicenza, Italy, and is a member of the Polish Forensic Society. She has participated in the implementation of numerous international training programmes, including Preserving Crime Scene, Battlefield Evidence Collection, and Battlefield Evidence Institutional Level Course, organized by the NATO Stability Policing Centre of Excellence in cooperation with NATO Headquarters, INTERPOL, the European Union, and the U.S. Department of State. Her research interests include forensic identification, battlefield evidence collection, crime scene examination in armed conflict environments, and the role of expert witnesses in criminal proceedings. A particular focus of her research is the identification of individuals based on the image of the dorsal side of the hand skin – manuscropy – as a novel method of forensic identification developed within the framework of her scientific research and doctoral dissertation.

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