

Economics (LSE).^[3]

- 1972: Bachelor of Science – International Relations, University College London
- 1973: Master of Arts – Economy and History, University College London
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Career

Jan Vincent-Rostowski was a lecturer at Kingston University (former Kingston Polytechnic), then from 1988 to 1995 at the UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University of London.^[5] From 1992 to 1995 he also worked concurrently at the Centre for Economic Performance, LSE.^[6]

During this time, together with Ljubo Sirc, Vincent-Rostowski co-edited the academic journal, *Communist Economies* (later known as *Communist Economies & Economic Transformation* and *Post-Communist Economies*).

During the early 1980s, he was active (together with his wife Wanda Kościa) in the Polish Solidarity Campaign, a Solidarity support group based in London. From 1989 to 1991, during Poland's transition following the fall of communism, Vincent-Rostowski was an advisor to the Polish Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister, Leszek Balcerowicz.^[7]

In the early 1990s, Vincent-Rostowski also advised the Russian Federation on macroeconomic policy. In 1991, he co-founded the Warsaw-based Centre for Social and Economic Analysis (CASE), a think-tank designed to assist Europe's newly independent nations during the transition to capitalism.^[8] He was also a member of the Foundation's Council (he resigned from this post when he was nominated as Minister of Finance).

Since 1995, he has been Professor of Economics and was the head of the Department of Economics at the Central European University in Budapest during the periods: 1995–2000 and 2005–2006.^[9]

From 1997 to 2000, Vincent-Rostowski was Chairman of the Macro-Economic Policy Council at the Polish Ministry of Finance.^[10]

From 2002 to 2004, he was an Economic Adviser to the National Bank of Poland.^[11]

In 2004, Vincent-Rostowski was appointed Economic Adviser to Bank Pekao. He left this post in November 2007.^[12]

	<u>Bogdan Borusewicz</u> (Acting) <u>Grzegorz Schetyna</u> (Acting) <u>Bronisław Komorowski</u>
Prime Minister	<u>Donald Tusk</u>
Preceded by	<u>Zyta Gilowska</u>
Succeeded by	<u>Mateusz Szczurek</u>
Personal details	
Born	30 April 1951 <u>London</u> , <u>United Kingdom</u>
Political party	<u>Civic Platform</u> <u>Change UK</u> – <u>The Independent Group</u> (2019)
Spouse	<u>Wanda Rostowska</u>
Alma mater	<u>University College London</u> <u>London School of Economics</u>

Minister of Finance, 2007–2013

Vincent-Rostowski joined the Cabinet of Premier Donald Tusk on 16 November 2007, and served as Minister of Finance of Poland until November 2013.^[13] He was named European Finance Minister of the Year in 2009 by *The Banker* magazine.^[14] In November 2012, Rostowski was cited by the *Financial Times* as the third best finance minister in Europe.

During his six-year tenure at the ministry, Rostowski oversaw an overhaul of the public finance sector, including a cap on spending growth and a decision to redeem sovereign bonds held by privately managed pension fund companies, a move that drew criticism from the fund companies and some economists.^[15] As part of a cabinet shuffle in late 2013, Tusk replaced Rostowski with Mateusz Szczurek.^[15]

Later career

Rostowski was a member of Britain's Conservative Party. In the beginning of 2010, it was announced that two months prior^[16] he has become member of the Civic Platform party (PO). In the wake of the Parliamentary Elections of 2011, he became Member of Parliament, being elected from the list of Civic Platform Party (PO).^[17]

In late 2015, Prime Minister Ewa Kopacz appointed Rostowski as her top political adviser.^[18]

Vincent-Rostowski has published around 40 academic papers on European enlargement, monetary policy, currency policy and the transformation of post communist economies. He is the author of academic books including *Macroeconomic Instability in Post-Communist Countries* published by Oxford University Press.

Political views

Rostowski is a believer in free markets, as well as a fiscal conservative. On social matters, he previously opposed in-vitro fertilisation, abortion and same-sex civil unions.^[19] In the run-up to the 2019 European Parliament election, he stated that his opinions on such matters have changed.^{[20][21]}

Rostowski supports Poland's joining the Euro, but in the wake of the European sovereign debt crisis, he advocates waiting until "the Euro has become safe to join".^[22]

Personal life

Rostowski has two children. He is fluent in Polish, English and French.

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