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## THE CONCEPT OF SOVEREIGN THAT IS, THE SYSTEMIC PROBLEM OF SELF--GOVERNANCE IN POLAND

The eternal dilemma of the borderline between sociology and philosophy boils down to the question of the supra-unit character of society, its attributes that can not be reduced to the sum of individual characteristics of the components of society (individuals, groups). However, the current administrative-political dilemma in Poland boils down to the scale of centralization or decentralization of power, that is, de facto, the decision-making point in the public sphere (and sometimes also in the private sphere or even the sphere of conscience, if power enters into ethical-moral issues).

Contrary to appearances, these distant (temporarily and thematically) dilemmas have much in common; sometimes they result from each other, they inspire themselves or refer to each other. First of all, because the location of power (regardless of its scope), being an administrative and systemic issue, means being closer or further from the decision-maker and increasing or reducing the number of intermediaries in the hierarchy of power, thus entering the sphere of institutionalism. In turn, the nature of the institution (intermediaries between the individual and society and vice versa) may be determined by a holistic or individualistic approach, depending on the degree of centralization; therefore sociological and philosophical determinants are at stake.

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