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Summary of the PhD dissertation entitled „Legal aspects of the functioning of higher education institutions in the tertiary education system” prepared under the supervision of prof. dr hab. Piotr Dobosz.

This doctoral dissertation is devoted to the analysis of the legal constructs related to the principles of functioning of the system of higher education and science in Poland and developing new theoretical concepts in this respect. Its main aim is to formulate concepts related to the administrative law science, as well as to derive conclusions of *de lege ferenda* nature. The paper consists of six chapters, preceded by an introduction and ending with conclusions. The main research method used by the author is the dogmatic-descriptive method. Chapter I discusses models of functioning of higher education institutions. Chapter II addresses the concept and the essence of a public institution, also against the historic background of this administrative law entity. Chapter III describes collective entities other than administrative institutions performing public tasks, including public law corporations and associations. Chapter IV discusses the issue of the performance of public tasks in the field of higher education. Chapter V takes a closer look at the specific nature of public higher education institutions as contemporary administrative institutions providing services in the field of science and higher education. Finally, Chapter VI presents *de lege ferenda* considerations related to the legal aspects of the concept of a higher education institution model.

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