

PROGRAM OF THE CONFERENCE "POLAND FIRST TO FIGHT"

DAY 1 – NOVEMBER 18, 2019

NATIONAL PRESS CLUB

11:30 am

Registration of participants

12:15 pm

Opening of the conference by:

Prof. Marek Kornat - Chair of Program Committee

Dr. Marek Błażej - Chair of Executive Committee

Richard Widerynski - Former president of the Polish American Congress of Southern California, conference moderator

WORLD WAR II FROM A DIFFERENT ANGLE

12:30 pm

Keynote speech by one of the leading Polish historians

World War II in Poland's historical memory (to be confirmed)

1:00 pm

Stacey Fitzgerald - Independent filmmaker and producer, Atlanta, GA, United States

Persecution and Resistance of Polish Women: KL Ravensbrück

1:20 pm

Christoph Schwarz - Founder of the association "Abducted Children – Forgotten Victims," Freiburg, Germany

Kidnapping and germanization of Polish children by Nazi Germany

1:40 pm

Prof. Kazimierz Braun - Scholar, writer and director, professor emeritus of the University of Buffalo, NY, United States

Polish theatre in the time of war (1939-1945) – Fight–Losses–Will to Survive

2:00 pm

Kenneth K. Koskoda – Journalist and book author, Grand Blanc, MI, United States

No Greater Ally: The Untold Story of Poland's Forces in World War II

2:20 pm

Marcin Makowski - Journalist at the weekly "Do Rzeczy" and Wirtualna Polska, historian and philosopher, Cracow, Poland

World War II in computer games – viable educational tool or rewriting the past?

2:40 pm

Questions & Answers

3:00 pm

Lunch Break

TESTIMONIES OF WITNESSES OF HISTORY AND THEIR DESCENDANTS

3:30 pm

Tim Holden - Son of Piotr Zaniewski, Polish pilot during World War Two, Devon, United Kingdom

Polish airmen in World War II

3:50 pm

Anu Radha – Film Producer, AAKAAR FILMS, New Delhi (India)

A Little Poland in India: Rescue of Polish children and women during WWII by an Indian Maharaja

4:10 pm

Krystyna Zamorska, Ph.D. – Independent scholar and historical consultant, New York, United States

The KL system in the German war economy: KL Stutthof, the "forgotten" camp

4:30 pm

Questions & Answers

5:00 pm

End of the 1st day of the conference

At 7 pm a joint dinner in one of the hotels close to the National Press Club (registration required, there is an extra fee of 75 USD for the participation).

DAY 2 – NOVEMBER 19, 2019

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FROM THE RIBBENTROP-MOLOTOV PACTS TO WORLD WAR II AND THE OCCUPATION OF POLAND BY NAZI GERMANY AND SOVIET RUSSIA

8:00 am

Registration of participants

9:00 am

Prof. Marek Kornat - Director of the Department of the History of the 20th Century and of the Section for the History of Diplomacy and Totalitarian Systems of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland

Two totalitarian powers against Poland – The Ribbentrop-Molotov Pacts (August – September 1939)

9:20 am

Prof. Małgorzata Gmurczyk-Wrońska – Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland
Poland and her Allies. 1939 (presentation in Polish, simultaneously interpreted to English)

9:40 am

Dr. Ing. Bruno Wasser – Architect, city planner and a researcher of the Second World War, Cologne, Germany
Generalplan Ost (Master Plan for the East)

10:00 am

Prof. Tadeusz Wolsza - Historian and social scientist, Kazimierz Wielki University in Bydgoszcz, Poland

Katyn massacre and Katyn lie in the international arena (presentation in Polish, simultaneously interpreted to English)

10:20 am

Questions & Answers

10:40 am

Break

11:00 am

Prof. Mariusz Wołos – *Pedagogical University in Cracow, Poland*

Polish-Soviet relationship during World War II – stereotypes and reality

11:20 am

Dr. Rafał Łatka - *Institute of National Remembrance, Warsaw, Poland*

Polish Catholic Church in occupied Poland

11:40 am

Prof. Jan Ciechanowski - *University of Warsaw, Poland*

Contribution of the Polish Intelligence Service to the Allied Victory over Germany in World War Two

12:00 am

Questions & Answers

12:20 am

Lunch break

INFOWARS

1:20 pm

Prof. Mieczysław Biskupski - *Professor of History Stanislaus A. Blejwas Endowed Chair in Polish and Polish American Studies Coordinator, Polish Studies Program at the Central Connecticut State University (CCSU), United States*

Hollywood's War with Poland, 1939-1945

1:40 pm

Prof. Norman Domeier - *Professor of Modern European History at the University of Stuttgart, Germany*

Collaboration between Associated Press and Nazi Germany

2:00 pm

Dan Zamoyski - *International Polish activist and Deputy Leader of the Polish Media Issues (PMI) Group, Morpeth, United Kingdom*

Distortion of Polish World War II history by the media, academia and politicians and its consequences. Auschwitz survey

2:20 pm

Prof. Peter Paprzycki - *University of Southern Mississippi, United States*

Prof. Christine Fox – *University of Toledo, United States*

Prof. Svetlana Beltyukova – *University of Toledo, United States*

The application of a Rasch model in the study of external perceptions of the role of Poland in the World War II; the value of a psychometric approach

2:40 pm

Questions & Answers

3:00 pm

Break

POLES AND JEWS DURING WORLD WAR II

3:20 pm

Prof. Grzegorz Berendt - *University of Gdańsk, Poland*

Poles and Jews under German occupation. Gross's thesis reconsidered

3:40 pm

Prof. Bogdan Musiał - *Polish-German historian, professor at the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw*

Who will help a Jew? (presentation in Polish, simultaneously interpreted to English)

4:00 pm

Daniel Kawczynski, Member of Parliament (United Kingdom)

(title to be announced soon)

4:20 pm

Questions & answers

5:00 pm

End of the 2nd day of the conference

At 7 pm reception at the residence of Poland's ambassador to the United States, Prof. Piotr Wilczek.

DAY 3 – NOVEMBER 20, 2019

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POLAND, A BETRAYED ALLY

8:50 am

Prof. Krzysztof Kosiński – Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland

National movement in occupied Poland – negative stereotypes

9:10 am

Prof. Danusha Goska – William Paterson University Wayne, NJ, United States, book author

Negative stereotypes of Poles in popular American culture

9:30 am

Prof. Sean McMeekin - Francis Flournoy Professor of European History at Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, NY, United States, book author

Making Stalin Happy – Allies Betrayal of Poland

9:50 am

Panel discussion

Distorting the history of World War II

10:50 am

End of the conference