

Death and birth of the (new) Polish intelligentsia



International Academic Conference

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The Pilecki Institute's Center
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The Pilecki Institute's Center for Totalitarian Studies invites you to participate in the International Academic Conference **"Death and birth of the (new) Polish intelligentsia"**, which will take place on **8–9 November 2021**. The deadline for applications is **16 August 2021**.

At the end of the war, the need to establish a new intelligentsia was "discussed" in the placard newspapers of the Union of Polish Patriots by Polish and Jewish citizens of the former Second Polish Republic. It was "discussed" in the most remote corners of the Soviet Union in preparation for the creation of a "new" communist Poland. Since this intelligentsia was to be "new", what had happened to the "old"? Although it had been ruthlessly and systematically exterminated by the Germans, it managed to survive its decimation; the question is to what extent was it ready to face the challenges of the next occupation, this time by the Soviet Union? The Soviets, on the other hand, began to mould this "new" intelligentsia that was both obedient and ideologically faithful to them by destroying the pillars of Polish statehood in the eastern borderlands. What was the process of its creation? When did it start? What did it concern? We will strive to answer these and many other questions, crucial to the recent history of Poland and to the understanding of where we are today, during an international academic conference organized as part of a research and publishing project initiated by the Pilecki Institute. We invite academics of various disciplines whose research focuses on German and Soviet policy towards Poland, its intelligentsia and elites before the outbreak of and during World War II, as well as in the first years of the post-war period.

Proposed subjects

- The Polish intelligentsia and elites of the national minorities of the Second Polish Republic in the population policies of the Third Reich prior to the outbreak of World War II.
- Poles and the Polish elites in Soviet national experiments and repression operations prior to the outbreak of World War II.
- The planned atrocities against the Polish intelligentsia during World War II. The Intelligentsia mass shootings ("Intelligenzaktion") and the AB-Aktion / "Extraordinary Operation of Pacification" ("Außerordentliche Befriedungsaktion").

- The Polish intelligentsia and the Ukrainian, Belarusian and Jewish elites in the eastern borderlands of the Second Polish Republic.
- The intelligentsia of the Second Polish Republic in areas annexed into the Third Reich.
- The intelligentsia of the Second Polish Republic in the General Government.
- The physical losses of the intelligentsia of the Second Polish Republic.
- The material losses of the intelligentsia of the Second Polish Republic.
- The intelligentsia of the Second Polish Republic in concentration and extermination camps and prisons.
- The forced resettlement of the elites of the Second Polish Republic.
- The adaptation of the Polish and Polish-Jewish intelligentsia to Soviet conditions after its deportation.
- Refugees to the east from the areas occupied by Germany and the birth of the myth of life in the Soviet Union as "rescue from the Holocaust".
- Survival strategies of the Polish intelligentsia and the elites of national minorities of the Second Polish Republic. Between resistance and collaboration.
- Living conditions of the intelligentsia.
- Resistance of the intelligentsia against the occupiers.
- The intelligentsia in the structures of the Polish Underground State.
- The participation of the intelligentsia in underground teaching.
- The intelligentsia in the Warsaw Uprising.
- The image of the Polish intelligentsia after the war and in the face of new post-war realities.
- The birth of the "new Polish intelligentsia" under Soviet auspices.
- The ethos of the Polish intelligentsia in the context of the catastrophe of World War II.

Organizational information

- Participation in the conference is free of charge.
- The conference will be held online via the Zoom.us videoconference platform.
- Conference languages: Polish, English, Russian (with simultaneous translation).
- Duration of lectures: 15 minutes.
- After the conference, selected speakers will be invited to participate in a thematic publication.

Applications

- Applications should be made by filling in the attached form and emailing it to inteligencja@instytutpileckiego.pl
- The deadline for applications is **16 August 2021**.
- Information regarding successful applications will be sent out no later than **8 September 2021**.

Additional information

1. The controller of the personal data collected from participants is the Witold Pilecki Institute of Solidarity and Valor with its seat in Warsaw at 17 Foksal Street, 00-372 Warsaw.
2. The processing of personal data shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation).
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