East Central Europe in Exile
Patterns of Transatlantic Migrations
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May 31-June 3, 2012

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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The conference proceedings will take place at the University of Gdańsk, Faculty of History (Wydział Historyczny), ul. Wita Stwosza 55, room 1.48.
THURSDAY, May 31st

1300-1430 **Polish American Historical Association**
Board Meeting

1500 **Conference Opening**

- Prof. Bernard Lammek, Rector of the University of Gdańsk
- Prof. Neal Pease, President of the Polish American Historical Association
- Introduction: Dr. Anna Mazurkiewicz, Visegrad Fund Project Coordinator

1530-1800 **Session 1: Push and Pull Factors in East Central European Migration Overseas**

Chair: Prof. M. B. B. Biskupski (Stanislaus A. Blejwas Endowed Chair in Polish and Polish American Studies, Central Connecticut State University; President of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences of America, USA)

1. Prof. Jože Pirjevec (Professor of History, Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Ljubljana, Slovenia), *Slovenian economic and political migration to the Americas (North and South) in the last 150 years.*

2. Agata Biernat (PhD Candidate, Faculty of Political Science and International Studies, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Toruń, Poland), *Albanian emigration in United States of America before the World War II.*
3. **Paweł Stefanek** (PhD Candidate, Faculty of Humanities, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin, Poland), *Forced emigration of Estonians during and after the World War II*.

Snack break (15 minutes)

4. **Jan Daniluk** (PhD Candidate, Institute of History, University of Gdańsk, Poland), *The New Danzig (Nova Dantzig) in the heart of the Brazilian jungle, 1932-1940: An unknown chapter in the history of emigration from the Free City of Danzig*.

5. **Dr. Valéria Hrtánková** (Independent Scholar, Slovak Historical Society, Bratislava, Slovakia), *Emigration story of a Jewish family from Slovakia*.

6. **Prof. Silvia G. Dapía** (Professor of Foreign Languages & Literatures, Department Chair, John Jay College, City University of New York, USA), *Argentina’s Attempt to Foster Immigration from Eastern Europe in the 1990s*.

18**15** Evening Events

Trip to Gdynia: a glimpse of the Emigration Museum in Gdynia (under construction); meeting at the Museum of the City of Gdynia.

20**30** Dinner by the Gdynia Beach
FRIDAY, June 1ˢᵗ

9⁰⁰-1¹⁰ Session 2: En Route - Emigrant Trails

Chair: Prof. Jože Pirjevec (Professor of History, Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Ljubljana, Slovenia)

1. Dr. Aleksej Kalc (Assistant Professor, Science and Research Centre, University of Primorska, Koper, Slovenia), *Trieste as a port of emigration from Eastern and Southeastern Europe*.

2. Dr. István Kornél Vida (Assistant Professor, North American Department, Institute of English and American Studies, University of Debrecen, Hungary), “*Immigrant in Disguise*: Sándor Tonelli’s Ultonia, a “Written Photograph”.

3. Oskar Myszor (PhD Candidate, Institute of History, University of Gdańsk, Poland), *From “Kentucky” to “Stefan Batory”: Emigrant Ships in Gdynia*.

4. Dr. Arnold Kłonczyński (Institute of History, University of Gdańsk, Poland), *Sweden as a temporary stage of the Polish emigration to America in the years 1945-1980*.

5. Prof. Anne M. Gurnack (Visiting Professor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA), *Health Care Services for Polish Immigrants in New York City, 1890-1930*.

Coffee break (15 minutes)
11^{15}-13^{30} Session 3: Exile Biographical Perspectives

Chair: Dr. Sławomir Łukasiewicz (Head, Dept. of Research, Institute of National Remembrance, Lublin Branch, Poland)

1. Dr. Slavomír Michálek (Director, Institute of History, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, Slovakia), United States refugee organization AFCR and its leader Ján Papánek (1948-1989).

2. Dr. Martin Nekola (Department of Political Science, Faculty of Philosophy, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic), Petr Zenkl: The leader of Czechoslovak exiles in the United States?

3. Dr. Katalin Kádár Lynn (Senior Researcher, Faculty of Humanities, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary), Tibor Eckhardt and the Pond: Hungarian Émigré Politics and US Intelligence.

4. Dr. Piotr Stanek (Central Museum of Prisoners-of-War in Łambinowice-Opole, Poland), From PSL (Polish People’s Party) in Exile till the Assembly of Captive European Nations: Stefan Korbonski’s emigration activity.

5. Joanna Mazurska (PhD Candidate, Department of History, Vanderbilt University, USA), “What has a poet to do if he cannot express terror?": Czesław Miłosz’s political exile.

13^{45}-14^{45} Lunch
15:00-18:30 Session 4: Political Activities of Émigré Groups: Integration and Cooperation in Exile

Chair: Dr. Ieva Zaķe (Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Rowan University, USA)

1. Prof. Anna Siwik (Professor of History, Department of Political Science and Contemporary History, AGH University of Science and Technology, Kraków, Poland), *Cooperation among East European Émigrés: The Socialist case.*

2. Dr. Arkadiusz Indraszczyk (University of Humanities and Sciences in Siedlce; Museum of the History of Polish Peasant Movement, Warszawa, Poland), *International Union of Peasants: Cooperation and fight for independence of peasant parties from Central and Eastern Europe in exile after 1945.*

3. Dr. Pauli Heikkilä (Institute of History and Archeology, University of Tartu, Estonia), *Stockholm Office of the Assembly of the Captive European Nations.*

4. Dr. Anna Mazurkiewicz (Institute of History, University of Gdańsk, Poland), *The Activities of the Assembly of Captive European Nations (1954-1972) in the light of the “ACEN News”.*

Coffee break (15 minutes)
5. Dr. **Francis D. Raška** (Associate Professor of History, Department of American Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic), “Svědectví”: The Leading Journal of the Czechoslovak Cold War-Era Exile.

6. Prof. **Anna Jaroszyńska-Kirchmann** (Professor of History, Eastern Connecticut State University, USA), Informal Communication Networks in the Polish Diaspora: Letter-writing, Press, and Communities of Emigrants and Exiles.

7. **Florence Vychytil-Baudoux** (PhD Candidate, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France), Political Integration as a By-Product of Exile Politics: Polish Americans during the Cold War.

19:00 **Buffet**

20:00 **Evening Event** (auditorium 1.43)
Documentary Film Screening presented by the Author:

**Béla Nóvé** (Writer, historian and documentary film maker, Budapest, Hungary), *The Orphans of a Revolution: The Fate of Underage Hungarian Emigrants and Re-emigrants of 1956* (45 minutes), followed by discussion.
SATURDAY, June 2\textsuperscript{nd}

9\textsuperscript{00}-11\textsuperscript{15} Session 5: Transatlantic Transitions

Chair: Prof. Neal Pease (Professor of History, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, President of the Polish American Historical Association, USA)

1. Prof. M. B. B. Biskupski (Stanislaus A. Blejwas Endowed Chair in Polish and Polish American Studies, Central Connecticut State University, President of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences of America, USA), Independence Day Does not Cross the Atlantic: Poland, Polonia and November 11\textsuperscript{th}, 1918-2012.

2. Dr. Patryk Pleskot (Institute of National Remembrance, Warszawa, Poland), Pro-Solidarity Activity of Polish Diaspora in United States and Canada after the 13\textsuperscript{th} December 1981 in the View of Polish intelligence service.
3. Dr. **Magdolna Baráth** (Head of Research, Historical Archives of the Hungarian State Security, Budapest, Hungary), *Attempts to disintegrate the Hungarian emigration in 1960*.


5. **Daniel Černý** (PhD Candidate, Department of History, Faculty of the Eastern Christian Studies, Pontifical Oriental Institute, Rome, Italy), *The History of the Slovak Greek Catholics in Canada: From unknown people to the separate diocese*.

6. Dr. **Piotr Koprowski** (Institute of History, University of Gdańsk, Poland), *Homo viator: Janusz Pasierb on East Central European intellectual identity in the second half of the 20th century*.

Coffee break (15 minutes)
11^{30}-13^{30}  Session 6: **Assimilation Paths**

Chair: Dr. **Francis D. Raška** (Associate Professor of History, Department of American Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic)

1. **Prof. Mary P. Erdmans** (Professor of Sociology, Central Connecticut State University, USA), *Residential Density and Dispersal: The Acculturation and Persistence of the Polish American Community in Connecticut*.


3. **Tímea Oláh** (PhD Candidate, Institute of English and American Studies, University of Debrecen, Hungary), *Second-Generation Hungarian-American Youth in the 1930s: Assimilation and Ethnic Identity*.

4. **Dr. Brian McCook** (Principal Lecturer in History, Leeds Metropolitan University, United Kingdom), *Education in War and Exile: The Polish Experience in Britain*.

5. **Andrzej Kuliński** (PhD Candidate, Institute of History, University of Gdańsk, Poland), “*We were very pleased to have them in time of war, (...) now it is time they went*”: *The destinations of Polish emigrants from the United Kingdom in the British press, 1945-1948*.

13^{45}-14^{45}  Lunch
15:00-17:00 Session 7: East European Émigré Attitudes towards other Ethnic Minorities

Chair: Dr. István Kornél Vida (Assistant Professor, North American Department, Institute of English and American Studies, University of Debrecen, Hungary)

1. Prof. James S. Pula (Professor of History, Purdue University North Central, USA), Ethnic Cooperation in Antebellum America.

2. Piotr Derengowski (PhD Candidate, Institute of History, University of Gdańsk, Poland), Polish Voice on Slavery in the United States of America in Mid-19th Century.

3. Prof. Dorota Praszałowicz (Professor of Sociology, Institute of American Studies and Polish Diaspora, Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland), Cooperation and conflict: Polish and German immigrants in the United States in the late 19th century.

4. Dr. Stephen M. Leahy (Associate Professor of History, Shantou University, People’s Republic of China), Two Ends of a Bridge: Polonia and African Americans in Milwaukee, 1960.

5. Dr. Ieva Zaķe (Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Rowan University, USA), Experience of political exile and the nature of ethnic prejudice.

18:00 Evening Event: A glimpse of Gdańsk Old Town

20:00 Banquet in Gdańsk Old Town
Sunday, June 3rd

9:00-11:15 Session 8: East Central European Literary and Artistic Presence Overseas

Chair: Prof. Silvia G. Dapía (Professor of Foreign Languages & Literatures, Department Chair, John Jay College, City University of New York, USA)

1. Prof. Thomas J. Napierkowski (Professor of English, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, USA), Polish American Literature: A Story of Exile, Emigration, and Adaptation.

2. Dr. Jelena Šesnić (Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb, Croatia), Croatian American literature as a transculturated discourse.


4. Dr. Maja Trochimczyk (President, Moonrise Press, Los Angeles, USA), A Century of Musical Exiles and Emigrants: From Jan Pychowski to Marta Ptaszyńska.

5. Piotr Małecki (PhD Candidate, Institute of History, University of Gdańsk, Poland), The Show Never Ends: Emigration of Polish musicians to the United States during the Polish People’s Republic period.

Coffee break (15 minutes)
11^{30}-13^{30}  Session 9: Research Sources for Immigration History

Chair: Dr. Michelle M. Wright (Associate Prof. of Black European and African Diaspora Studies, Northwestern University, USA)

1. Ewa Barczyk (Director of University Libraries, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA) and Prof. Neal Pease (Professor of History, Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA), The Roman Kwaśniewski Photographic Collection: A Visual Record of Milwaukee Polonia.

2. Piotr Syczak (PhD Candidate, Institute of History, University of Gdańsk, Poland), What can be found in series “Memoirs of Emigrants” (by Institute of Social Economy) about emigrants from Poland?

3. Dr. Harriet Napierkowski (University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, USA), Navigating the Divide: A Memoir of Post-World War II Exile and Displacement.

4. Małgorzata Patok (PhD Candidate in Sociology, Université Paris Descartes, Sorbonne, France), The Polish Worker in France in the Context of the European Integration.

5. Sebastian Dama (PhD Candidate in Sociology, Institute of Philosophy, Sociology, and Journalism, University of Gdańsk, Poland), New globalized world and its migrations: Does the 21st century nomadism force new research methods?

13^{45}-14^{45}  Lunch
1500 Conference Closing

• Summary statement: Prof. Mieczysław Nurek (Professor of History, Head of the Department of Contemporary History, University of Gdańsk)

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WORKSHOP FOR STUDENTS

1530-1700 How to write emigration history? Introduction to research methodology.

Group A: Personal Histories (room 2.49)

1. Prof. Mary P. Erdmans (Professor of Sociology, Central Connecticut State University, USA); 2. Dr. Harriet Napierkowksi (University of Colorado-Colorado Springs, USA); 3. Béla Nóvé (Writer, historian and documentary film maker, Budapest, Hungary).
Group B: **Documentary Records** (room 2.2)

1. Prof. **James S. Pula** (Professor of History, Purdue University North Central, USA); 2. Dr. **Brian McCook** (Principal Lecturer in History, Leeds Metropolitan University, United Kingdom); 3. **Daniel Černý** (PhD Candidate, Dept. of History, Faculty of the Eastern Christian Studies, Pontifical Oriental Institute, Rome).

Group C: **Literature & Press** (room 2.10)

1. Prof. **Thomas J. Napierkowski** (Prof. of English, University of Colorado-Colorado Springs, USA); 2. Prof. **Anne M. Gurnack** (Visiting Professor, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA); 3. Dr. **Michelle M. Wright** (Associate Professor of Black European and African Diaspora Studies, Northwestern University, USA).

Group D: **Visuals & Artifacts** (room 2.13)

1. **Ewa Barczyk** (Director of University Libraries, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA) and Prof. **Neal Pease** (Professor of History, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA); 2. Dr. **Stephen M. Leahy** (Associate Professor of History, Shantou University, People’s Republic of China); 3. Dr. **István Kornél Vida** (Assistant Professor, North American Department, Institute of English and American Studies, University of Debrecen, Hungary).
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