

Poland Restored, Reborn, Regained: One Hundred Years On

UCL, Bentham House SB31 Denys Holland Lecture Theatre

Friday 9 November 2018

Programme

9.00am Registration

9.30am Welcome:

Professor Diane Koenker (Director, UCL SSEES, UK),

Introductions:

1. HE Professor Arkady Rzegocki (Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to the UK)
2. Professor Richard Butterwick-Pawlikowski (College of Europe Natolin, Poland, and UCL SSEES, UK)

10.00 am Panel 1: Centennial Reflections on Polish Independence and Statehood

Chairperson: Professor Anne White (UCL SSEES, UK)

1. Professor Andrzej Nowak (Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland),
Why is the Problem of Independence so Special in Polish History?
2. Professor Antony Polonsky (Brandeis University, USA),
Polish Statehood and the Jews: Reflections on the Centenary of Polish Independence
3. Professor M. Bolesław B. Biskupski (Central Connecticut State University, USA),
1918. Who Understood Europe: Wilson or Piłsudski?

Discussion

11.30 am Tea/Coffee

12.00 pm Panel 2: Poles and their Neighbours: Regaining and Maintaining Independent Statehood

Chairperson: Dr Katarzyna Zechenter (UCL-SSEES, UK)

4. Professor Tomasz Schramm (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland),
Wielkopolska's Own Way to Independent Poland
5. Professor Anita Prażmowska (LSE, UK),
Polish-Czechoslovak Relations in 1918-1919: The Background to Polish Collaboration with Germany in the Destruction of Czechoslovakia in 1938
6. Dr Thomas Lorman (UCL SSEES, UK),
The Search for an Alternative: Slovak-Polish Relations, 1914-1920

Discussion

1.30 pm Lunch

2.30 pm Panel 3: From the Grand Duchy of Lithuania to the Second Republic of Poland

Chairperson: Professor Richard Butterwick-Pawlikowski (College of Europe Natolin, Poland, and UCL SSEES, UK)

7. Professor Joanna Gierowska-Kałuża (Institute of History, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland)
Death-Agony and Birth Pangs: Inheritors of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania under German Occupation 1915-1918
8. Dr Hubert Zawadzki (Abingdon, UK)
The Experiences of a Polish Family from the Eastern Borderlands (1914-1921): The Protassewiczes of Borki

Discussion

3.30 pm Tea/Coffee

4.00 pm Panel 4: From Three Empires to One Nation-State

Chairperson: Dr Thomas Lorman (UCL SSEES, UK)

9. Dr Katarzyna Zechenter (UCL SSEES, UK)
The Topos of Suffering in Independent Poland: Contradiction or Acceptance?
10. Dr Andrzej Suchcitz (Polish Institute and Sikorski Museum, London, UK),
The Forging of the Polish Army 1918-1919
11. Dr James Bjork (KCL, UK)
From Empires to Nation-State: Re-Making Roman Catholicism in Independent Poland

Discussion

5.30 pm Close of the Conference