

Call for Papers

Department of Polish Medieval History and Economic History (Institute of History)

Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin (Poland)

cordially invites you to participate in the conference

The Other in the Eyes of the Elites: from Antiquity to the End of the 20th century

Lublin, 25-26 September 2017

In accordance with the 14th century *Zbraslav Chronicle*, during the coronation ceremonies of Wenceslaus II Přemyslid for the king of Poland in 1300 the Archbishop of Gniezno, Jakub Świnka, was to summarise the speech delivered in Latin by the Bishop of Brixen, with the remark that the oration would have been excellent if only the speaker was not “a dog’s head and a German”. This short comment reminds us that all kinds of sentiments and stereotypes, which can be found in the statements referring to the representatives of other ethnic groups, are not just a modern phenomenon but were, in fact, present also in the distant past.

The aim of this conference is to examine the attitude of broadly defined elites (political, intellectual, artistic, religious, etc.) towards the representatives of different ethnos. Chronological framework has been outlined very broadly, it includes the period from antiquity to the end of the 20th century. Particular emphasis will be placed on explaining reasons for voicing such, and no other, opinions, and on a role of the elites in creating, disseminating or opposing stereotypes. It will be equally important to determine the influence of these views on solutions and activities

undertaken towards ethnically different communities in various parts of Europe. No less significant will be also the summarising of the current state of research and the indication of potentially new areas of studies.

The conference venue is not accidental. Lublin is, after all, a place in which for many centuries the East has been encountering the West, and where various ethnic and religious groups would co-exist.

Conference venue: the Institute of History at Maria Curie- Skłodowska University, pl. Marii Curie-Skłodowskiej 4a, 20-031 Lublin, Poland.

Conference language: Polish or English.

Conference fee is 220 zł (55 Euro) and it includes: publication of conference articles, conference materials and food (midday meals and one formal dinner). The bank account on which the fee should be sent will be given at a later date.

Conference schedule:

- 31st of March 2017 - final date for sending paper proposal together with an abstract (maximum 200 words, in Polish or English). Doctoral candidates and PhD students are additionally obliged to submit a letter written by their supervisor or PhD coordinator confirming the high quality of the paper. Paper proposals with abstracts should be emailed to:

conference2017lublin@gmail.com

- 15th of April 2017 - final date for informing the delegates that their papers were accepted for the conference;
- 30th of June 2017 - final date for paying the conference fee;
- 25th-26th of September 2017 – conference at Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin, Poland;

– 31st of January 2018 - final date for sending the articles for publication.

The organisers reserve the right to select papers for the conference. The given papers will be published in a reviewed volume.

Participants are expected to cover all travel and accomodation costs. The organisers commit to assist in finding hotels with relatively low prices. The detailed conference schedule and additional information (the list of hotels, journey to and from Lublin) will be emailed in the middle of July 2017.

The Organising Committee:

Professor Grzegorz Jawor,

Dr Anna Obara-Pawłowska,

Dr Dariusz Wróbel,

Jan Gawron (MA).

Application form

Name and last name:

Academic title:

Institution or affiliation:

Paper title:

Abstract (200 words):

Contact details:

address for correspondence:

phone:

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Details for invoice (if necessary):

Equipment needed for presentation: