

INTERNATIONAL HISTORICAL CONFERENCE: “POLAND FIRST TO FIGHT”

organized in commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the outbreak of World War II.

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In 2019 PASI members joined forces with a few other Polish-American groups, and under the umbrella of “iPoland” initiative initiated by Marek Błażejczak, played an active role in the organization of the International Historical Conference “Poland First to Fight,” which took place in Washington, D.C. The conference focused on issues relating to the World War II genocide perpetrated against the Polish Nation by Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia. The event shed light on the present, often slanderous, persistent distortions and falsifications of history, whitewashing of the crimes against Poles, and attempts to shift the blame for World War II on the Polish victims.

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CONFERENCE TOPICS:

- World War II from a different angle.
- Testimonies of witnesses of history and their descendants.
- From the Ribbentrop-Molotov Pacts to World War II.
- The occupation of Poland by Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia.
- Poles and Jews during World War II.
- Poland, a betrayed ally.

End of the 1st day of the conference: A reception at the Embassy of India.

End of the 2nd day of the conference: A reception at the Embassy of Poland.

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS (in alphabetical order)

- MIECZYSLAW B. BISKUPSKI (USA) - Keynote speaker. A Professor of History Stanislaus A. Blejwas Endowed Chair in Polish and Polish American Studies, Coordinator of Polish Studies Program at the Central Connecticut State University (CCSU), United States.
[United States & Poland in World War II](#) (Keynote speech / Day 1)
[Hollywood's War with Poland, 1939-1945](#) (Speech / Day 2)
- SEAN McMEEKIN (USA) - Francis Flournoy Professor of European History at Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, NY, United States. [Making Stalin Happy - Allies Betrayal of Poland](#)
- NORMAN DOMEIR (GERMANY) - Assistant Professor of Modern European History at the University of Stuttgart, Germany. [Collaboration between Associated Press and Nazi Germany](#)
- TADEUSZ WOLSZA (POLAND) - Professor at the Institute of History of the Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN), and Board member of the Warsaw Institute of National Remembrance. Historian and social scientist, Casimir the Great University in Bydgoszcz, Poland. [Poland Katyn massacre and Katyn lie in the international arena](#)
- MAREK KORNAT (POLAND) - Chair of the Conference Program Committee. Professor and Director of the Department of the History of the 20th Century Polish Academy of Sciences. Special focus: History of Diplomacy and Totalitarian Systems, Warsaw, Poland. [Two totalitarian powers against Poland - The Ribbentrop-Molotov Pacts of August and September 1939](#)
- BRUNO WASSER (GERMANY) - Architect, city planner and a researcher of the Second World War, Cologne, Germany. [Generalplan Ost \(Master Plan for the East\)](#)
- CHRISTOPH SCHWARTZ (GERMANY) - A teacher, author, filmmaker, and curator of historical exhibitions. Founder of the association "Abducted Children – Forgotten Victims," Freiburg, Germany. [Kidnapping and Germanization of Polish children by Nazi Germany](#)
- MARCIN MAKOWSKI (POLAND) - Journalist at the Polish weekly "Do Rzeczy" and "Wirtualna Polska". Historian, and philosopher, Cracow, Poland [World War II in computer games - viable educational tool or rewriting the past?](#)
- BOGDAN MUSIAL (GERMANY) - Professor at Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw. Polish-German historian, professor at the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw. Poland [Who will help a Jew?](#)

- PETER PAPRZYCKI (USA) - Professor at School of Education, University of Southern Mississippi. United States. [The application of a Rasch model in the study of external perceptions of the role of Poland in World War II; the value of a psychometric approach](#)
- KRYSZYNA ZAMORSKA, Ph.D. (USA) - Independent scholar and historical consultant, New York, United States [The K.L. system in the German war economy: KL Stutthof, the" forgotten" camp](#)
- DANUSHA GOSKA (USA) - Professor at William Paterson University Wayne, NJ, United States. Author of "Bieganski: The Brute Polak Stereotype. Its Role in Polish-Jewish Relations and American Popular Culture." [Negative stereotypes of Poles in popular American culture](#)
- TIM HOLDEN (GREAT BRITAIN) - Son of Piotr Zaniewski, Polish pilot during World War Two, Devon, United Kingdom [Polish airmen in World War II](#)
- DANIEL M. ZAMOYSKI, MBA (GREAT BRITAIN) - 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](#)
- KENNETH K. KOSKODAN (USA)- Journalist and book author, Grand Blanc, MI, United States: [No Greater Ally: The Untold Story of Poland's Forces in World War II](#)
- KRZYSZTOF KOSINSKI (POLAND) - Professor at the Institute of History of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland [National movement in occupied Poland - negative stereotypes](#)
- MALGORZATA GMURCZYK-WRONSKA (POLAND) - Professor at the Institute of History of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland [Poland, and her Allies. 1939](#)
- MARIUS WOLOS (POLAND) - Professor at the Pedagogical University in Cracow, Poland [Polish-Soviet relationship during World War II – stereotypes and reality](#)
- JAN STANISLAW CIECHANOWSKI (POLAND) - Professor at the University of Warsaw, Poland [Contribution of the Polish Intelligence Service to the Allied Victory over Germany in World War Two](#)
- RAFAŁ ŁATKA, Ph.D. (POLAND) - Institute of National Remembrance, Warsaw, Poland [Polish Catholic Church in occupied Poland](#)
- GRZEGORZ BERENDT (POLAND) - Professor at the University of Gdańsk, a member of the Institute of National Remembrance, member of the Scientific Council of the Jewish Historical Institute, and deputy director of the Museum of the Second World War

(Gdańsk). The University of Gdańsk, Poland [Poles, and Jews under German occupation. Gross's thesis reconsidered](#)

- KAZIMIERZ BRAUN (USA) - Professor at University at Buffalo. 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](#)
- ANU RADHA (INDIA) - Indian film producer, a communications specialist and author of “The Second Homeland: Polish Refugees in India”. Documentary: [A Little Poland in India](#) (Polish WWII refugees in India)
- STACEY FITZGERALD (USA) - Independent filmmaker and producer of the feature-length documentary “Saving the Rabbits of Ravensbrück.” Atlanta, GA, United States.
Persecution and Resistance of Polish Women: KL Ravensbrück
- [ANJALI BHUSHAN \(INDIA\)](#) - [My home India](#) A film about Polish refugees in India.
- [GRZEGORZ KUTERMANKIEWICZ](#), Documentary about murder of 60,000 civilians by Germans in mass executions in Warsaw on August 6, 1944 [In the Footsteps of Slaughter of Wola](#)
- PANEL DISCUSSION: [Distorting the history of World War II](#) Marcin Makowski (Moderator), Albert Trujilo, Krystyna Zamorska, Stefan Komar and Grzegorz Berendt.
- [Questions & Answers \(1\)](#)
- [Questions & Answers \(2\)](#)
- [Questions & Answers \(3\)](#)