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INTRODUCTION

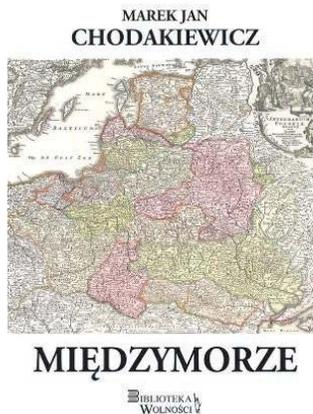
The 2016-2017 academic year was a fruitful one for the Kościuszko Chair of Polish Studies and the Institute of World Politics. In addition to following the usual pattern of re-occurring functions and events, we also added new programs. In particular, we have greatly expanded our speaker series on Poland and her neighbors.

We organized the 9th Annual Kościuszko Chair Conference and the 7th Annual Kościuszko Chair Spring Symposium. We continued the Intermarium Lecture Series whose aim is to discuss geopolitical developments in the Intermarium Region, and we started an academic cooperation with a renowned military academy in France. We also followed and commented on the political developments in Poland under the new government, notably the visit of the US President Donald Trump to Poland in July 2017. A Polish edition of Dr. Marek Chodakiewicz's highly popular book *Intermarium* was published in Poland, and subsequently, Dr. Chodakiewicz was awarded a prestigious *Nagroda Przeglądu Wschodniego* award for 2016 in the category for "works written abroad."

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PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA ACTIVISM

Dr. Marek Jan Chodakiewicz



Intermarium cover

In the 2016-2017 academic year, a Polish edition of Dr. Marek Chodakiewicz's *Intermarium* was published. Dr. Chodakiewicz comments regularly on the changing political situation in Poland and Europe. The Kościuszko Chair is one of the few institutions that continues to present a narrative on Poland different to the one widespread in the American mainstream media. Since July 2016, Dr. Chodakiewicz has published more than one hundred articles in American and Polish electronic and press publications (SFPPR, International Research Center, *Rzeczpospolita*, *Do Rzeczy*, *Ty-*

godnik Solidarność, *Glaukopis*). Primary topics included the presidential elections in the US, political debate in Poland, developments in the Middle and Far East, South America, Islamist threat to Europe, Russian information war and disinformation as well as topics related to the study of history for *Glaukopis*.

Mrs. Maria Juczewska, Kościuszko Chair Associate Director

Mrs. Juczewska, working for the Kościuszko Chair since November 2015, focuses on geopolitical developments in Central and Eastern Europe. This year, she has been contributing to the Selous Foundation for Public Policy Research. She analyzed the reasons why Polish Americans voted for Donald Trump. She also contributed to the discussion on the migrant crisis in Europe and Poland's refusal to accept EU migrant quotas.

Dr. John Lenczowski, IWP Founder, President, and Professor

Dr. Lenczowski lectured on the Intermarium and related topics in a number of venues, including the World Affairs Council of Greater Houston. He also advised Polish and other allied government representatives on a variety of issues regarding NATO and transatlantic relations.

President Donald Trump's 2017 Warsaw Visit

On July 5 and 6, 2017, US President Donald Trump visited Warsaw during his second foreign trip. He was welcomed enthusiastically by Polish citizens, while his moving speech on Western values was widely appreciated. Dr. Chodakiewicz was present in Warsaw at that time to provide a running commentary for Polish TV on President Trump's visit. He also participated in the Intermarium State Dinner together with the representatives of other Intermarium countries.

INTERVIEWS

This year, Dr. Chodakiewicz gave a number of televised interviews in relation to presidential elections in the US as well as President Donald Trump's visit to Warsaw. He was interviewed by TVP Info, TVP 1, TV Republika as well as a number of smaller outlets, such as Wolność24 and Polonia Christiana. His lectures and interviews are widely popular on YouTube.

THE SIXTH ANNUAL KOŚCIUSZKO CHAIR MILITARY LECTURE

On September 15, 2016, the Kościuszko Chair of Polish Studies hosted its annual Gen. Walter Jajko Kościuszko Chair Military Lecture. The lecture was given by Dr. Thomas Flichy de La Neuville, Professor of International Relations at the École Spéciale Militaire de Saint-Cyr in France and an IWP visiting professor. Dr. Flichy de La Neuville, an expert on Iran, lectures in France and abroad, most notably in Oxford. He has authored seven books on issues related to global security and he coordinates SYNOPSIS group, an international network of academic and military experts willing to provide a comprehensive response to contemporary defense challenges. The lecture was entitled *The Changing Balance of Power in the World: Eastern Europe in 2030*, (based on his book *2030: Le monde que la CIA n'imagine pas*) and clarified security issues related to the changes of power in the world, with a special focus on Eastern Europe.

9TH ANNUAL KOŚCIUSZKO CHAIR CONFERENCE

On November 12, 2016 the Ninth Annual Kościuszko Chair Conference took place. Topics covered a number of problems related to Poland's past and present, such as the Jewish autonomy in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, rigged elections in January 1947, energy and cyber security in the EU as well as the reasons for emigration of the youngest generation of Poles in the 21st century. The program of the conference entailed the following five lectures.

The Energy Outlook - United States, Europe, and Poland

Mr. Adam Sieminski, from the US Department of Energy, discussed the international energy outlook and challenges to energy security in the United States and in Europe.

Paradise of the Jews in Towns and Cities of Poland-Lithuania 1300-1795

Mr. Michael V. Szpindor Watson, Ph.D. candidate at George Mason University, elaborated on the disagreement between whether the Jews were treated better in royal or private noble towns. He analyzed where peace was best fostered, comparing the two types of towns.

The Foundational Lie of Communist Poland: The January 1947 Elections

Mr. John Armstrong, an independent scholar, discussed the January 1947 Elections that changed the course of Polish history after WWII.

Greed or Exasperation? The Reasons for the Latest Wave of Polish Emigration

Mrs. Maria Juczewska analyzed complex reasons for the massive emigration of young Poles at the beginning of the 21st century.

Russian School of Cybernetics and Present Day Threats: Continuity and Development

Mr. Piotr Trąbowski, an IWP M.A. candidate, discussed the development and the recent phenomena in Russian cybernetics.

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL KOŚCIUSZKO CHAIR SPRING SYMPOSIUM

On April 8, 2017, Dr. Marek Chodakiewicz introduced a new initiative, the Center for Intermarium Studies. Then, six lectures focusing on the situation in the US and Europe followed. Topics ranged from Russian public diplomacy, through the role of Polish Americans in the American presi-

dential elections, to recent political developments in the European Union. Below, a short summary of the lectures is presented.

An Introduction and the Unveiling of the Center for Interarium Studies

Dr. Chodakiewicz discussed the new Center and its role in providing a platform for extensive research and reporting on the region.

A Bear in Sheep's Skin?

Dr. Caitlin Schindler, a Research Professor at IWP, focused on the analysis of how Russia uses public diplomacy and whether it does it in the same way as the West. She also pointed to the fact that Russia's efforts to use public diplomacy are undermined by the nation's use of active measures.

Polish American Effort in the Trump Presidential Campaign

Dr. Łucja Świątkowski Cannon, the Chairman of Polish American Advisory Council for Trump, elaborated on the organized efforts of Polish Americans to elect President Trump.

Roman Dmowski at Versailles

Dr. Alvin M. Fountain, an Honorary Consul of the Republic of Poland in Raleigh, North Carolina, lectured about the approaching 100th Anniversary of the Paris Peace Conference and signing of the Treaty of Versailles. He focused on Roman Dmowski's presentation at the Paris Peace Conference and how his positions were considerably in line with overall Polish aspirations.

Conservatism or Right-Wing Populism?

Ms. Orsolya Buzas, a Hungarian-born student of National Security and Statecraft at IWP, discussed political developments in post-communist Hungary.

EU's Democracy from Above. Europe: Emergence, Development, and a Political Construct

Mr. Tibor Babic, an IWP graduate, focused his talk on democracy in Europe. He demonstrated how it developed from the Judeo-Christian tradition from Jerusalem, ancient Greece, and ancient Rome only to take its present shape as democracy from above – the EU.

Are Poles Free to Disagree? Truth vs. Manipulation in the Polish Media

Mrs. Maria Juczevska examined the extent of freedom of speech available to the citizens of Poland 27 years after the political transformation, which still remains open to question. She also posed more general questions about how this freedom can be achieved in post-communist systems and the most important factors that contribute to it.

THE US MILITARY ACADEMY KOSCIUSZKO SQUADRON

IWP was honored to welcome the US Military Academy Kosciuszko Squadron cadets for a lecture-lunch with IWP Professor, Dr. Marek Chodakiewicz. He spoke to the cadets on the history of Poland from its founding to the present, the implications of its strategic location in the past and present, Poland's role in NATO and its contributions to the strategic security of the alliance's eastern frontier. Cadets also examined the Polish perspective on Europe's current problems with immigration, and Poland's unique role in assimilating 1.5 million refugees from the war in Ukraine.

After lunch, cadets helped US Military Academy Kosciuszko Squadron founder, LTG (ret) Edward Rowny, UMA '41, celebrate his 100th birthday. LTG Rowny discussed themes of leadership, including the importance of integrity and the need for constant professional development. He shared his ideas and anecdotes from his seventy years of service, starting in WWII and ending as a key advisor to President Reagan during the START talks.

THE KOŚCIUSZKO CHAIR INTERMARIUM LECTURE SERIES

The State of Democracy, Human Rights, and the Rule of Law in Poland - Recent Developments

With Joanna Banasiuk, Ph.D., and Tymoteusz Zych, Ph.D., Ordo Iuris Institute for Legal Culture

In October 2015, the Polish voting constituency gave unprecedented support to the conservative Law and Justice party, allowing it to govern unchallenged. Subsequently, imprecise and oversimplified assertions about the situation in Poland were disseminated by the media and appeared in documents issued by international institutions. The Ordo Iuris' report, *State of Democracy, Human Rights and the Rule of Law in Poland - Recent Developments*, provided reliable data allowing for a better-informed public debate. The report provided the first fact-based, comprehensive and substantive legal analysis of the reforms introduced by the new government.

Russia: Hydrocarbons, Autocracy, and Power Politics

With Dr. Yuri Maltsev, Professor of Economics, Carthage College

Dr. Maltsev spoke on Russian energy strategy, and how it fits in with Russia's overall strategic picture, both in the form of the Soviet Union and without, in the contemporary era. Soviet economic planning was ruthless but utterly inefficient, and so when the façade of strength broke, the new Russian state had nothing to fall back onto except energy resources.

The Art of War in the Age of Digital Disinformation: The Case of Poland

With Anna C. Wellisz, Communications Strategist and Writer

Mrs. Wellisz analyzed a number of disinformation techniques used by the mainstream media in Poland and abroad when creating a distorted narrative about political developments in Poland under the new, conservative government.



West Point cadets with General Rowny