

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

at Pomeranian University in Słupsk

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RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR EUROPEAN POLICY

invite to take part in the International Conference



Diasporas: Past and Present

Słupsk (Poland) 1-2 June 2017

held on the occasion of 650 anniversary of the grant by King Casimir the Great privilege of a rightful settlement and religious freedom in Polish Kingdom to Armenian bishop Gregory the Great (1367)

One of the features of modern civilization change is "diasporization", understood as the transformation of immigrant communities in diaspora. As a consequence, in recent decades in Europe some new diasporas emerge (including Kurdish, Turkish, Assyrian), alongside the existing "traditional" diasporas (eg. Jewish, Armenian and Greek which are subject to a process of revitalization as a result of migration. Representatives of these communities try to resist to the processes of assimilation preserving their cultural features, maintaining links with their country of origin and other "diaspora islands", forming separate ethnic organizational structures: cultural, social and even political. The phenomenon of existence and disappearance diaspora communities is not unique to the present, but it is noted since ancient times.

The aim of the conference is an attempt to look at the issue of diaspora using a broad historical and interdisciplinary approach. Understanding ancient diasporas, including various aspects of their existence in the past, may be useful in the diagnosis of contemporary diasporas and phenomena associated with them. Hence we prefer papers on such diasporas as Jewish, Armenian, Greek and Lebanese-Phoenician.

The particular emphasis is placed on the following issues:

- diaspora and diasporization in theoretical approach;
- history of diasporas (from antiquity to modern times);
- the political aspects of formation and functioning of diasporas;
- revitalization of the 'old' diasporas;

- diaspora institutions;
- relationships between members of the diaspora and other ethnic groups;
- the process of disappearance of diasporas;
- new diasporas in Europe and the world.

The conference will be held on Thursday 1 and Friday 2 June 2017 in the main building of the Pomeranian University, Westerplatte 64, Słupsk, Poland.

The organizers will provide for the participants free lunches, coffee/tea breaks during the coffee breaks and a gala dinner in a seaside restaurant in Ustka.

The conference languages are English, Russian, German and Polish. We intend to publish the papers presented in a post-conference publication.

The conference fee is **350.00 PLN** paid to the following account number:

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Alternatively, payments can be made on the day of the conference in cash only

Conference schedule is as follows:

- Up to 31 March 2017 - **sending an abstract to e-mail:**
pawel.nieczuja-ostrowski@apsl.edu.pl
- Up to 10 April 2017 - information about the acceptance of your paper
- Up to 30 April 2017 - payment of the conference fee
- Up to 15 May 2017 - the final programme of the conference.

The organizers reserve the right to select papers.

We will send the detailed information in a message after the closing date for entries

We kindly invite you to participate in the conference.

Honorary committee:

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Much more information (e.g. abstracts, touristic information, accommodation and how to get to us) can be found on the conference website: diaspora-conference.info