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Faculty of Philosophy of the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow

Northwestern University Research Initiative for the Study of Russian Philosophy
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MARIAN ZDZIECHOWSKI:

HISTORICAL AND SYSTEMATIC STUDIES

BETWEEN AFFIRMATION AND CRITIQUE OF RUSSIAN CULTURE

Marian Zdziechowski (1861-1938) was a Polish thinker deeply but critically engaged in Russian religious philosophy. Born in Belarus, he studied literature in Russia, and taught philosophy in Krakow and Vilnius. On the one hand, although he belonged to one of the nations oppressed by Imperial Russia, he was interested in Russian culture and recognized its remarkable Christian value. He met Soloviev, was in touch with Tolstoi, and was a friend of the Trubetskoi brothers. In Poland, he was even ironically called the only Russian religious philosopher writing in Polish. On the other hand, however, Zdziechowski clearly saw that the sublime ideals of Russian religious philosophy often served Russian nationalism and imperialism. In his works, he described regrettable degeneration of Russian Slavophilism. He was honest enough to see that the Christian ideas were actually politically instrumentalized to justify evil.

Zdziechowski's attitude seems to be of great importance today. In the face of Russian aggression against Ukraine, we are encountering the same dilemmas regarding Russian culture. In 2023, therefore, we decided to focus on the heritage of Marian Zdziechowski. We propose to investigate his fundamental works on Russian religious philosophy, especially on Slavophilism and Russian communism, and his complicated relationships with Russian thinkers, in particular with the Trubetskoi brothers. Most importantly, we would like to continue some of the topics he was concerned with, such as the transformations of Slavophile ideas, the similarities between Polish and Russian messianism, and finally the problem of evil in Russian thought. We also invite scholars investigating Zdziechowski's possible influences on Polish and Russian culture. After all, Czesław Miłosz, his former student in Vilnius, openly admitted his intellectual and spiritual impact.

TIME

June 12–13, 2023

VENUE

The Library of the Pontifical University of John Paul II, Bobrzyńskiego 10,
Krakow, Poland

INVITED SPEAKERS

Prof. Marina F. Bykova (North Carolina State University, USA)

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“Studies in East European Thought” (SEET)

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WORKING LANGUAGES

Talks and discussion will be held in English, Russian, and – only for this edition – in Polish.

APPLICATION

Please, complete the Application Form available at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1_M0xCyjrUIGDfLXeodOANBEbsQqhWOu2-O9KmDNvPc/edit before **January 31, 2023**. You will be asked for personal data and information about your proposed talk, including its summary with bibliography. No submission will be accepted after that date. By February 15, 2023 we will announce the final list of accepted applications. It is also possible to take part in the Conference without giving a talk. In such cases the Application form will be open by May 15, 2023.

PUBLICATION

We are going to edit a special volume of *Studies in East European Thought* on Zdziechowski's heritage. We invite speakers to submit their papers for this issue. All proposals will be reviewed according to the procedure of this journal.

ACCOMODATION

Since 2023 the organizers do not provide accommodation. Participants are asked to make their own hotel reservations.

FEE

The conference fee is 100 EUR (400 PLN). Since 2023 the conference fee covers only meal, coffee breaks and organizational expenses. The fee is the same for participants with and without talks. The fee must be paid to the account of the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Krakow before April 30, 2023.

BANK TRANSFER DETAILS

Uniwersytet Papieski Jana Pawła II w Krakowie, ul. Kanonicza 25, 31-002 Krakow, ALIOR BANK SA. BIC or SWIFT: ALBPPLPW, account number for PLN: 41 2490 0005 0000 4600 5727 1204, for EUR PL97 2490 0005 0000 4600 7410 1054, for USD PL86 2490 0005 0000 4530 1988 5668, with the mandatory annotation: “Zdziechowski” and you last name in latinized form. Invoice is issued on demand, please contact Mrs Barbara

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VISAS

If necessary, organizers send the invitation required for visa extension. Please provide the required passport information in the Application Form.

SUGGESTED SOURCES

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