



PULTUSK ACADEMY of HUMANITIES

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Dear Professors, dear Colleagues,

We request the pleasure of inviting you to take part in the ***Third Interdisciplinary Conference: Thinking Symbols*** which will be held from **30th of June to 2nd of July, 2015** at the Pultusk Academy of Humanities in Pultusk in Poland. The ***First Interdisciplinary Conference: Seeking Origins and Manifestations of Religion*** took place in June 2011 and the ***Second Interdisciplinary Conference: Disasters, Catastrophes and the Ends of the World in Sources*** was held in June 2012.

This time we would like to deliberate and discuss one of the most thought provoking topics, that is symbols. One may dare to say that we became humans thanks to development of symbolic thinking, which made our mind such an exceptional instrument. Our brain is working with symbols, they are its fuel, its structure, and last but not least, its joy. By turning things, concepts, landscapes, other people, drops of water, fruit, parts of bodies, weather, buildings, animals – in fact everything – into symbols, we live on them, through them and for them, sometimes to such a degree that we are ready to die for them.

All topics concerned with scholarly approach to a subject of symbols in all its aspects and forms are welcomed, including papers of ancient as well as contemporary times. We invite scholars of various specialities, historians, archaeologists, anthropologists of culture, linguists, scholars studying religion and culture matters, historians of art, sociologists, psychologists, all willing to discuss the subject in its broad scholarly sense.

The application should contain your personal data, scholarly/scientific title, affiliation, e-mail address and phone number as well as abstract up to 400 words in English.

The **deadline for the abstracts submission** is the **31st of December 2014**. Please send your abstract at one of the following addresses: symbolsconference@prokonto.pl or joannapopielskag@hotmail.com

The language of the conference is English. However, if necessary, a consecutive translation from Polish into English will be available, at your earliest request. If you require this facility, please contact Joanna Popielska-Grzybowska at: joannapopielskag@hotmail.com

Full registration fee is 300 PLN or 80 € and it includes:

- Conference presentation;
- The option to submit your paper to the proceedings, and participate in the refereeing process;
- Attendance to all plenary and parallel sessions;
- Conference welcome kit;
- Morning and afternoon teas/coffees during the days of the Conference;

- Social Events;
- Conference welcome and farewell receptions;
- Breakfasts (each conference day), lunches (each conference day) and supper on the second conference day;
- Transport from the Warsaw Chopin airport to Pułtusk on 29th June, 2015.

Student or visitor registration fee is 100 PLN or 25 €.

To register as a student please send the number and validity period of your Student Card to dr Bożena Józefów-Czerwińska at: bozenajozefow@hotmail.com. Please note that Student Identity Cards will be checked during the registration.

Visitor registration fee is 150 PLN or 40 € and it includes:

- Attendance to all plenary and parallel sessions;
- Conference welcome kit;
- Morning and afternoon teas/coffees during the days of the Conference;
- Social Events;
- Conference welcome and farewell receptions;
- Transport from the Warsaw Chopin airport to Pułtusk on 29th June, 2015.

You are kindly asked to submit your registration fee for the Conference **only from the 1st of June to the 22nd of June 2015** at the following account:

The Pułtusk Academy of Humanities

BANK PEKAO S.A.

IBAN: PL 46 1240 5282 1111 0000 4896 0964

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with the note: **Symbols**

The accommodation is available in the Academy hostel and fees are as follows:

Single room 50 PLN per night

2-beds-room 50 PLN per night per person

3-beds-room 40 PLN per night per person

2-beds-room as a single room 50 PLN per night

The account number as above; with the note: **Accommodation for Symbols**

There is also possible to choose accommodation in one of the hotels in Pułtusk.

For accommodation matters please contact dr Bożena Józefów-Czerwińska at bozenajozefow@hotmail.com

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU NEED AN INVOICE TO GET THE COSTS REFUND BY YOUR UNIVERSITY THE PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY BANK TRANSFER FROM YOUR UNIVERSITY ACCOUNT!

PLEASE BRING CONFIRMATION OF THE PAYMENTS TO THE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

As many of you have already experienced Pułtusk offers a lot to be seen. You are wholeheartedly invited to visit Pułtusk for the first time or again.

Enjoy the conference and:

the XVth century collegiate church with famous coffered, florally ornamented ceiling;

the longest cobblestone market in Europe;

Regional Archaeological Museum – with small pieces of the famous Pułtusk meteorite (bigger pieces exhibited in London and Warsaw museums);

the Pułtusk Castle – presently the Polonia House Hotel and conference centre, previously the abode of the bishops; inhabited by Napoleon;

one of the oldest Polish High Schools named after Piotr Skarga – famous Jesuits' preacher;

canoeing and gondola excursions on the river Narew

the *White Wilderness*, with becoming extinct species of plants and animals, extending from Pułtusk to Ostrow Mazowiecka.

We always stay
Yours very sincerely,

Joanna Popielska-Grzybowska
Władysław Duczko
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