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The Pope from behind the Iron Curtain

The influence of the pontificate of John Paul II
on the countries and Churches of the Soviet bloc

9–12 October 2018, Cracow – Budapest



PROGRAMME

Honorary Patronage

Metropolitan of Cracow, Archbishop Marek Jędraszewski
Speaker of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland, Marek Kuchciński
Speaker of the Hungarian Parliament, László Kövér

9 October 2018

Cracow – Auditorium Maximum, Jagiellonian University 33 Krupnicza Str. Large Auditorium A

The situation of Christian Churches in the Soviet block from the beginning of the regime to the election of John Paul II

10:00 The opening of the conference

**President of the Institute of National Remembrance (IPN), Dr Jarosław Szarek,
President of the Committee of National Remembrance (NEB) Dr hab. Réka Földvárné Kiss**

10:30 Panel 1 (moderator: Dr hab. Filip Musiał, IPN Branch Office in Cracow)

Prof. Arūnas Streikus (Vilnius University)

» *The situation of Christian Churches in the USSR from the beginning of the regime to the election of John Paul II*

Dr Łucja Marek (IPN Branch Office in Cracow)

» *The situation of Christian Churches in Poland from the beginning of the regime to the election of John Paul II*

Dr hab. Réka Földvárné Kiss (NEB)

» *The situation of Christian Churches in Hungary from the beginning of the regime to the election of John Paul II*

11:30 Coffee Break

12:00 Panel 2 (moderator: Dr Áron Máthé, NEB)

Prof. Robert F. Goeckel (State University of New York at Geneseo)

» *The situation of Christian Churches in the GDR from the beginning of the regime to the election of John Paul II*

Dr Csongor Jánosi (University of Bucharest)

» *The situation of Christian Churches in Romania from the beginning of the regime to the election of John Paul II*

Prof. Stanislav Balík (Masaryk University in Brno)

» *The situation of Christian Churches in Czechoslovakia from the beginning of the regime to the election of John Paul II*

Dr Kostadin Kostadinov (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences in Sofia)

» *The situation of Christian Churches in Bulgaria from the beginning of the regime to the election of John Paul II*

13:20 Lunch break

14:20 Panel 3 (moderator: Dr Łucja Marek, IPN Branch Office in Cracow)

Fr. Prof. Józef Marecki (Pontifical University of John Paul II in Cracow / IPN Council)

» *The influence of the USSR on the religious policy of Soviet bloc countries*

Dr Margit Balogh (The Research Centre for the Humanities, Hungarian Academy of Sciences in Budapest)

» *The similarities and differences in the policy of Churches in the countries of the Soviet bloc*

Dr hab. András Fejérdy (The Research Centre for the Humanities, Hungarian Academy of Sciences in Budapest / Pázmány Péter Catholic University in Piliscsaba)

» *The Eastern policy of the Vatican until 1978*

Dr Cristian Vasile (Nicolae Iorga Institute of History in Bucharest by the Romanian Academy of Sciences)

» *The policy of the Vatican towards the Greek Catholic Church in the Soviet Block until 1978*

Gala dinner

10 October 2018

Cracow – Auditorium Maximum, Jagiellonian University 33 Krupnicza Str. Large Auditorium A

Reactions to the election and influence of the pontificate of John Paul II on the situation of the Church in Soviet bloc countries

10:00 Panel 1 (moderator: Dr Attila Viktor Soós; NEB)

Dr Aleksiej Wasiliew (The Institute of Central and Eastern Europe in Lublin/ The National Research University Higher School of Economics in Moscow)

» *Reactions to the election and influence of the pontificate of John Paul II on the situation of the Church in the USSR*

Dr hab. Adam Dziurok (IPN Branch Office in Katowice/ Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw)

» *Reactions to the election of John Paul II in Poland*

Dr hab. Konrad Białecki (IPN Branch Office in Poznań / Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań)

» *The influence of the pontificate of John Paul II on the situation of the Church in Poland*

Dr Bernadett Wirthné Diera (Office of the NEB)

» *Reactions to the election and influence of the pontificate of John Paul II on the situation of the Church in Hungary*

11:20 Coffee Break

11:50 Panel 2 (moderator: Dr Cecylia Kuta, IPN Branch Office in Cracow)

Prof. Bernd Schaefer (George Washington University in Washington)

» *Reactions to the election and influence of the pontificate of John Paul II on the situation of the Church in the GDR*

Prof. Ioan-Marius Bucur (Babeş-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca)

» *Reactions to the election and influence of the pontificate of John Paul II on the situation of the Church in Romania*

Dr hab. Peter Borza (Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice)

» *Reactions to the election and influence of the pontificate of John Paul II on the situation of the Church in Czechoslovakia*

Dr hab. Momchil Metodiev ("Christianity and Culture")

» *Reactions to the election and influence of the pontificate of John Paul II on the situation of the Church in Bulgaria*

13:10 Lunch break

14:10 Panel 3 (moderator: Dr Joanna Lubecka, IPN Branch Office in Cracow)

Dr hab. Csaba Szabó (National Archives of Hungary)

» *The reaction of the world to the election of John Paul II*

Dr Andrzej Grajewski ("Gość Niedzielny")

» *Between politics and the mission in the East. The Pontificate of John Paul II with regard to communism in Eastern Europe in 1978-1989*

Fr. Prof. Jan Mikrut (Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome)

» *The influence of the experience of communism on the policy of John Paul II towards Soviet bloc countries*

Prof. Jan Żaryn (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw)

» *John Paul II – the significance of his pontificate for Poland and the world*

11 October 2018

transfer from Cracow to Budapest

12 October 2018
Budapest – Parliament

On the pontificate of John Paul II and its significance

9:00 The opening of the conference:

Deputy Prime Minister, Dr Zsolt Semjén
President of the Institute of National Remembrance (IPN), Dr Jarosław Szarek,
President of the Committee of National Remembrance (NEB) Dr hab. Réka Földválné Kiss

9:30 Panel 1 (moderator: Dr hab. Réka Földválné Kiss, NEB)

Dr András Veres (Bishop of Győr, Chairman of the Hungarian Catholic Bishops' Conference)
» *The Church under the leadership of John Paul II*

Fr. Dr Tamás Tóth (Catholic Bishops' Conference)
» *The Catholic Church in Hungary in 1945-1989*

Dr Attila Viktor Soós (NEB)
» *The reactions of the Hungarian communist party to the election of John Paul II*

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Panel 2 (moderator: Dr Csaba Szabó, National Archives of Hungary)

Fr. Dr Andrzej Dobrzyński (Center for Documentation and research of the Pontificate of John Paul II in Rome)
» *The Second Vatican Council as the key to understanding the relationship of John Paul II with communist countries*

Prof. Igor Hałagida (The University of Gdańsk /IPN Branch Office in Gdańsk)
» *The approach of John Paul II towards Eastern Churches*

Fr. Prof. Henryk Skorowski (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw)
» *Freedom and human rights in the teachings of John Paul II*

Fr. Prof. Andrzej Zwoliński (Pontifical University of John Paul II in Cracow)
» *Philosophy of politics and economy - social encyclicals of John Paul II as a negation of socialism*

12:20 Lunch break

13:30 Panel 3 (moderator: Dr Michał Wenklar, IPN Branch Office in Cracow)

Dr Łukasz Kamiński (University of Wrocław)
» *John Paul II's approach to "Solidarity"*

Dr Władysław Bułhak (IPN)
» *Cooperation of the intelligence services of the Soviet bloc countries against the Catholic Church during the pontificate of John Paul II*

Prosecutor Michał Skwara (IPN Branch Office in Katowice)
» *„The Bulgarian connection” and special services of the communist states with regard to the attack on John Paul II*

Dr hab. Paweł Skibiński (University of Warsaw / The Centre for the Thought of John Paul II)
» *John Paul II in the context of the fall of the Berlin Wall and the collapse of the Soviet Union*