

**Call for papers  
International Conference**

**The Communist Authorities against the German Population  
in Poland, 1945–1989**

Gliwice, 28–29 November 2013

Institute of National Remembrance – Commission for the Prosecution of Crimes against the Polish Nation, the Ministry of Administration and Digitization, Institute of Political Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences and House for Polish-German Cooperation would like to invite you to participate in the international conference “The communist authorities against the German population in Poland, 1945–1989”, which will be held in Gliwice on 28–29 November. 2013.

Issues regarding the policy of the communist authorities towards the German community living in the Polish lands in the post-war Poland were discussed in several studies, both source materials, historical synthesis, and case studies. However, most of this work was done a few, or even several years ago and do not necessarily reflect the current state of research. Even the IPN archives were included in these studies only to a limited extent. What is also characteristic is a strong focus of the researchers on the first few postwar years. Thus, it is interesting to recapitulate the current research themes and review the current research interests. It is also relevant to attempt to review the issues already described, perhaps from a new perspective.

Professor Piotr Madajczyk (Institute of Political Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences) is the expert consultant of the conference.

The issues that we would like to raise at the conference:

1. Settlement of German crimes on the Polish lands.
2. Soviet actions against the Germans in 1945 (the terror, camps, internment and deportation, collaboration of the German population with the Soviets).
3. Germans in the ethnic policy of the Communist authorities 1945-1949 (concepts for the “German problem” solution and legal regulations).
4. Code of practice of the Communist authorities towards the German population 1945-1949 (camps, the screening and rehabilitation operations, resettlement, property matters, de-

germanization of the western and northern lands, German prisoners of war, German Communists).

5. Germans in the ethnic policy of the Communist authorities 1950-1989 (authorities response to the attempts of German self-organization, migration policy, the issues of former German property, actions against the German cultural heritage, educational issues, Germans in Poland and the contacts Poland-East Germany and Poland-West Germany).

6. Security apparatus towards the German population 1945-1989 (including issues of revisionism, the German underground).

7. Germans in the regime propaganda (press, literature, film, et al.).

8. The impact of the West Germany propaganda (letters, parcels, shares of the homeland associations).

9. The problem of German Ethnic List and development of the German minority.

10. Organization of the German minority in the 1980s (organizational structure, biographies [testimonies], the influence of the West Germany).

All interested persons are welcome to attend the conference, both as speakers and participants. The conference will be held in Polish, German and English (with simultaneous interpretation). The organizers will cover accommodation costs (hotel and meals) of the authors of the papers, as well as refund the travel expenses.

Those who wish to give a lecture at the conference are kindly asked to fill in the attached registration form and send it to the organizers until the end of February 2013. Please also attach an abstract of your paper (up to 1500 characters).

The conference program will be established by the end of March 2013.

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