**CALL FOR PAPERS**

**Not only the Gestapo and NKVD… German and Soviet institutions and their role in repressions against Polish citizens during World War II – international conference, 17–18 September 2019 in Warsaw**

The 80th anniversary of the outbreak of World War II that falls in September 2019 offers an excellent opportunity to gain a more extensive historical insight into the consequences of this episode. Although these consequences varied significantly, it is hard to deny that the repressions suffered by millions of people throughout the time of war were among the most dramatic. The international conference organised by the Institute of National Remembrance aims to broaden knowledge about the repressions perpetrated by the Third Reich and the Soviet Union against Polish citizens during World War II. Apart from political police of both totalitarian regimes, they were also initiated and implemented by other police and paramilitary forces, the army, judiciary, political parties and civil administration. Our interest also includes the officers of the above-mentioned institutions, especially if they played a leading role in them. Our primary focus falls on the areas of repression committed by the aforementioned states that have received less exposure in previous research and relate to the operation of such institutions as:

- the armies (Wehrmacht and the Red Army) and institutions subordinate to them (including courts and tribunals)

- central and local administration

- the judiciary

- police forces (German Order Police, Criminal Police and the Soviet Militia)

- paramilitary organisations (SS, SA, Selbstschutz, Sonderdienst and other, Soviet partisans) and collaboration organisations and formations

- political parties (NSDAP and AUCP(b))

However, this does not mean that the repressions applied by the Gestapo and NKVD are of no interest to the organisers of the conference. It is quite the opposite: any new threads and perspectives related to the operation of these institutions are highly appreciated.

The conference will be held in Warsaw on 17–18 September 2019. Official languages include Polish, English, German and Russian. Simultaneous translation will be provided. Each presentation will last 20 minutes. Attendance is free of charge; the organisers provide accommodation and reimbursement of travel expenses (INR employees shall include participation in the conference as mission expenses). The papers will be published in a reviewed volume.

Please submit your applications to the email address of the secretary of the conference, Doctor Marek Hańderek: [marek.handerek@ipn.gov.pl](mailto:marek.handerek@ipn.gov.pl) by 30 April 2019 [FORM]. The organisers reserve the right to select the submitted topics for presentation at the conference.

The participants of the conference whose applications are successful are asked to provide the text of their presentation by 31 August 2019 to facilitate the interpreters’ work.

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