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**Dear colleagues,**

We are pleased to invite you to the Conference “**The police in Poland against the European law enforcement agencies after the Great War**”, which will be held on 31 May 2021 in main auditorium of the School of Economics, Law and Medical Sciences in Kielce.

The end of the Great War made a great change in the European political landscape. After over a hundred years, Poland reappeared on the world map, but not for long. In 1939, a great conflict breaks out again in Europe. Poland has divided by Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union and both invaders introduced their own law enforcement agencies and legal system in the occupied lands. When the fight ended, the times of the next occupation began. The newly founded Polish People’s Republic had to create a system of oppression to not lose power. With the support of the Soviet Union and NKVD, the Communist government established i.a. Citizens’ Militia, Internal Security Service and Ministry of Public Security to repress the population. However, even these units were often led by the Soviet agencies, either.

But Poland was not the only country ruled by the hard-handed Communists. There were many other countries in the Eastern Bloc which had their specific uniformed services which were adapted to the local situation. Some other countries were integrated into the Soviet Union and have suffered oppression directly from Soviet law enforcement and security service. In all these countries police and other services had their unique equipment, aims and methods, and served in a specific legal system. However, they consisted of common citizens.

**We are thus inviting speakers from around the world to present subjects on the following topics:**

**I. State Police in the years 1919–1939**

- State Police training and learning systems
- The social and national origin of the State Police officers
- Biographies of prominent State Police officers
- The role of the State Police in shaping and securing the newly created state in the light of the law

- State Police officers as victims of Stalinist crimes
- Repressions against the State Police officers and their families in the period of the Polish People's Republic
- Citizen security and trust in the State Police

## **II. Law enforcement during World War II in the occupied Polish territory**

### 1. Poles in the service of other countries – Polnische Polizei im Generalgouvernement and Kriminalpolizei

- Between collaboration and service
- Participation of the Polnische Polizei in the Underground and other partisan organisations
- Degeneration among the State Police officers: common crime, collaboration, actions against society
- Polnische Polizei in the post-war propaganda

### 2. State Security Service in the years 1939-1945: structures, people, tasks

## **III. Police organisations in Communist-dominated Poland, 1945-1990**

- Legal ground of the Citizens' Militia
- Citizens' Militia training and learning systems
- Political indoctrination in the Citizens' Militia
- Social origin and former organisation membership of the Citizens' Militia officers
- Citizens' Militia, Motorized Reserves of the Citizens' Militia and Volunteer Reserve of the Citizens' Militia: service to the society or those in power?
- Building a positive image of the Citizens' Militia: case study
- Trade Union of Citizens' Militia Officers

## **IV. Polish Police from 1990 to 2020**

- Police: a job or the service. The legal aspects of police organisation
- Equipment and use of new technologies in the Police
- Changes in the tactics and techniques of crime-fighting
- From commander to manager: changes in the methods of leadership
- Citizen security and trust in the Police
- Social activity outside work hours of the Police officers
- International Police Association: Poland
- Trade Union of the Police, legal and social aspects

## **V. Uniformed services of other countries:**

- The changes and history of particular police services

- The legal and constitutional ground of police
- Ideological and political indoctrination of police services
- The use of officers against the public unrest
- Police officers as victims of the Communist authorities
- The settlement of the police services after the Communist period

**Conference date and venue:** 31 May 2021, School of Economics, Law and Medical Sciences in Kielce, ul. Jagiellońska 109a, 25-734 Kielce

**Participation in the conference is free of charge.**

Depending on the number of applications submitted, it is possible to organise a two-day conference, i.e. 31 May - 1 June 2021.

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The deadline for registration for the conference, along with the presentation of the paper title and abstract, is **28 February 2021**.

The organisers will publish a book based on the conference materials, which will appear in print. Therefore, we would like to ask you to send the texts for publication, in Polish, together with the results of the discussions to our secretaries, by **31 June 2021**. Any materials received after this date will not be published in the book.

**Organisers reserve the right to select submissions and texts for printing.**