

PROGRAM

Second Circulation of Publications
in the Polish People's Republic (PRL)
—against the History of Samizdat
in the Countries of the Soviet Bloc
after 1956

31 MAY 2012

9.00–9.05 – Opening of the conference – Dr Łukasz Kamiński – President of the Institute of National Remembrance

**9.05–11.00 – Session I – THE SECOND CIRCULATION
AND THE OPPOSITION**

Chair – Dr Małgorzata Choma-Jusińska (Poland)

- The second circulation. Samizdat, illegal publications (“bibuła”), underground publications – around the definitions from the perspective of lexicography – Dr Dorota Pazio-Wlazłowska (Poland)
- Piłsudski, Miłosz, Arendt... What was the opposition reading? – Natalia Jarska (Poland)
- The underground press in the system of social communication during the Martial Law – Dr Roman Wróblewski (Poland)
- Distribution of the underground press as a form of an opposition activity (1981–1989) – Jan Olaszek (Poland)
- “A cardboard box with illegal publications”. Private collections of the second circulation magazines as a source for research on the distribution network. Selected examples – Beata Szmytkowska (Poland)
- Discussion

11.00–11.15 – Coffee break

11.15–12.30 – Session II – CASE STUDIES (part 1)

Chair – Dr Grzegorz Waligóra (Poland)

- „Biuletyn” and „Informator” – publications of the “Ruch” organisation (1969–1970) – Piotr Byszewski (Poland)
- „Biuletyn Informacyjny” of the Workers’ Defense Committee (KOR) 1976–1981 – Prof. Andrzej Friszke (Poland)
- Independent student press (1980–1981) – attempt at characterization – Kamil Dworaczek (Poland)
- Discussion

12.30–12.45 – Coffee break

12.45–14.00 – Session II – CASE STUDIES (part 2)

Chair – Dr Grzegorz Waligóra (Poland)

- Vega Printing Groups. Underground publishing in Kielce in the years 1983–1985 – Prof. Włodzimierz Batóg (Poland)/Andrzej Karyś (Poland)
- “Słowo Podziemne” (1982–1984) and Edward Kirpluk, its creator – Andrzej W. Kaczorowski (Poland)
- Communist second circulation? Publications with no right of circulation of the dogmatic trend in the PZPR (Polish United Workers’ Party) – Przemysław Gasztold-Seń (Poland)
- Discussion

14.00–15.30 – Lunch break

15.30–16.40 – Session III – THE WEST AND EMIGRATION (part 1)

Chair – Dr Paweł Sowiński (Poland)

- The reception and impact of Polish émigré periodicals and books in communist-ruled Poland in the 1960s and early 1970s – Prof. Alfred Reisch (Hungary)
- Free word from the West. The program of book distribution behind the Iron Curtain on the example of Poland (reconnaissance study) – Dr Małgorzata Choma-Jusińska (Poland)
- Role of the Literary Institute (Instytut Literacki) in Paris in the formation of the second circulation of publications in Poland – Urszula Kowalczyk (Poland)
- Discussion

16.40–16.50– Coffee break

16.50–18.00 – Session III – THE WEST AND EMIGRATION (part 2)

Chair – Przemysław Gasztold-Seń (Poland)

- Dollars for the illegal publications. American financial aid for the second circulation of publications in Poland (1982–1989) – Dr Patryk Pleskot (Poland)
- U.S. support for the Solidarity underground press: the role of organized labor and the National Endowment for Democracy – Arch Puddington (USA)
- Before the Internet, Facebook, and Twitter: How Solidarity used Western technology to defeat communism – Benjamin B. Fisher (USA)
- Discussion

18.00–18.15 – Coffee break

18.15–20.00 – Session IV – SECURITY SERVICES ON THE TRAIL

Chair – Dr Patryk Pleskot (Poland)

- Security Services’ attitude towards the independent publishing movement in the years 1976–1980 – Dr Grzegorz Waligóra (Poland)

- Security Services' attitude to the second circulation and the operational activities undertaken against it in the 1970s on the example of the "Constitution of 3 May" Publishing House – Justyna Błażejowska (Poland)
- Security Services towards magazines and publications of the second circulation in the years 1980–1990 – Grzegorz Wołk (Poland)
- Security Services' operations against the second circulation in the period of the Martial Law on the example of Gen. "Nil"-Fieldorf Publishing House – Dr Cecylia Kuta (Poland)
- Science at the service of the Security Services – forensic examination of documents – Igor Kordas (Poland)
- Discussion

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9.00–10.15 – **Session V – SAMIZDAT (part 1)**

Chair – Dr Jan Skórzyński (Poland)

- Samizdat in the academic in USSR in the second half of 1950s and the first half of 1960's – Alexander Zhidchenko (Russia)
- The annotated edition of the „Chronicle of Current Events” and new possibilities for studying the phenomenon of samizdat – Gennady Kuzovkin (Russia)
- Samizdat – Russian Jews, and encounter with the West – Prof. Dmitry Shlapentokh (USA)
- Discussion

10.15–10.30 – Coffee break

10.30–12.00 – **Session V – SAMIZDAT (part 2)**

Chair – Prof. Vilem Precan (Czech Republic)

- Czechoslovak experience: Second circulation, samizdat publications, exile publications. Dangers of clandestine transportations in, from and to Czechoslovakia – Dr Marie Neudorfova (Czech Republic)
- Hungarian samizdat culture and the state Security Services – Alexandra Botyánszki (Hungary)
- The organization and functioning of samizdat network in Lithuanian SRR – Monika Kareniauskaitė (Lithuania)
- Circulation of forbidden books and manuscripts as a form of intellectual resistance of the Soviet ethnic minorities (a Kyrgyz experience) – Prof. Osmonakun Ibrahimov (Kyrgyz Republic)
- Discussion

12.00–13.30 – Lunch break

13.30–15.30 – Session VI - COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

Chair – Dr János Tischler (Hungary)

- Polish and Ukrainian opposition publications and the fight for freedom of speech (1956–1989) – Katarzyna Litwin (Poland), Kamil Szpyt (Poland)
- The women of samizdat – Karolina Mendrela (Poland)
- The political thought of samizdat – Piotr Wciślik (Poland/Hungary)
- Reframing Europe: The ascent of underground narratives into official public spheres – Dr Christian Domnitz (Germany)
- Why Poland? Factors which affected the underground publishing movement in PRL – Katarzyna Ziętał (Poland)
- Discussion

15.30–15.45 – Coffee break

15.45–17.15 – Session VII – SOCIAL MOVEMENT

Chair – Prof. Andrzej Friszke (Poland)

- The second circulation of publications in 1970s and 1980s as an element of the social movement – the application of sociological theory of social movements to analyse the opposition in Poland – Dr Adam Mielczarek (Poland)
- The underground market. The second circulation of publications in 1980s in view of the new economic sociology – Mateusz Falkowski (Poland/Germany)
- The second circulation of publications and the official sphere – points of contact and complications – Dr Paweł Sowiński (Poland)
- Independent publishing as a way of life in the final period of PRL. Is there a need for historical research and demystifying the second circulation? – Jarosław Malik (Canada)/Grzegorz Miernik (Poland)
- Discussion

17.15–17.30 – Coffee break

17.30–19.30 – Panel discussion: THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SECOND CIRCULATION OF PUBLICATIONS IN PRL

Chair – Jan Olaszek

Participants: Prof. Andrzej Friszke, Dr Jan Skórzyński, Dr Paweł Sowiński, Dr János Tischler, Dr Grzegorz Waligóra

19.30–19.45 – Recapitulation of the conference