

PREFACE

Dear Readers,

We present to you the second issue of our annual journal, *The Exile History Review*, hoping that it will be received as positively as the first one. We have received many signals of interest and support for the idea of publishing a magazine dedicated to the history of political emigration from Central and Eastern Europe during World War II and the Cold War, as pursued by the Center for Research on the History of the Polish State in Exile. We are particularly encouraged by the declarations of cooperation that continue to come to the editorial office from researchers from many parts of the world. In comparison to the first issue of *The Exile History Review*, this time we were able to broaden the scope of the topics covered to include texts on Latvian, Estonian, Yugoslavian, Ukrainian, and Russian emigration. This motivates us to continue our efforts to improve the scholarly quality and publishing standards of the journal, as well as its recognition in the academic community.

The second issue of *The Exile History Review* contains 10 articles. The *Articles* section comprises seven texts. It opens with theoretical reflections by Giles Scott-Smith on the issue of exile in the theory of Western world politics. Volodymyr Kravchenko's text is dedicated to the attempts at Ukrainian-Russian dialogue in exile during the Cold War. Andrejs Plakans captures in his study the transformations of the identity of post-war political refugees from Latvia. Kristina Bekere's article addresses the use by the Latvian diaspora – as a problem and political argument, as well as the method of shaping its communication – of the theme of human rights violations in the Soviet Union. “Mercenaries of a Phantom War. The ‘Hostile Emigration’ in Yugoslavia’s Globalized Ideology of Insecurity” is a text by Bernd Robionek, analyzing the attitudes of post-war Yugoslavian emigration, measures taken against it by Yugoslavian services, and the concept of “Special War.” Ain Haas outlines the processes of resettlement and adaptation of Baltic political emigrants from Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania in Sweden, Canada, Australia, and the United States. Jolanta Chwastyk-Kowalczyk's text focuses on the journalism of

Aleksander Bregman, a journalist associated with *Dziennik Polski i Dziennik Żołnierza*, specializing in international issues.

Two articles are included in the *Materials* section. Veronika Durin-Horniyk explores the idea of the Free University in Exile, a relatively little-known episode in the history of the Paris-based Literary Institute “Kultura.” Grzegorz Kulka presents several interesting, previously unknown documents from the “wartime” period of the life of General Waclaw Scaevola-Wieczorkiewicz.

In the *In Memoriam* section, we publish the text by Jadwiga Kowalska devoted to Colonel Stanisław Żurkowski, who passed away in July 2023. Colonel Żurkowski was a Siberian exile, a soldier of the Polish Armed Forces in the West, and a social and scientific activist in the United Kingdom.

We hope that the materials included in this issue of the journal will not only be an enjoyable read for you but also a source of scholarly reflection and, perhaps, inspiration for your own research.

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