

Preface

Dear Readers,

We are pleased to present to you the third issue of the yearbook *The Exile History Review*. The fact that this issue has been published brings us even more joy, as the group of individuals collaborating with the journal continues to grow. The circle of authors and reviewers is being joined by more researchers from Poland and abroad.

At the end of September, the project entitled “Centre for Research on the History of the Polish Government in Exile” came to an end. For three years, the team at the Centre conducted research on the little-known and somewhat forgotten heritage of Polish Exile between 1939 and 1991. The result of this work is numerous publications released by the KUL University Press. Two volumes of the *Słownik Biograficzny Polskiego Państwa na Uchodźstwie*¹ have been published, featuring profiles of members of subsequent Polish National Councils. A brochure addressing the topic of the Polish Government in Exile’s stance on the Holocaust² has been released. A significant publication includes archival documents – protocols from the meetings of the Council of Ministers (1945–1947)³ and protocols from the meetings the first National Council (1940)⁴. The team’s work also

¹ *Słownik biograficzny polskiego państwa na uchodźstwie*, vol. 1, *Członkowie I i II Rady Narodowej RP*, eds. Jarosław Rabiński and Michał Dworski (Lublin: KUL University Press, 2022); *Słownik biograficzny polskiego państwa na uchodźstwie*, vol. 2, *Członkowie III i IV Rady Narodowej RP*, eds. Jarosław Rabiński and Michał Dworski (Lublin: KUL University Press, 2024).

² Bartosz Czajka, Michał Dworski, and Kamil Świderski, *Polskie Państwo na uchodźstwie wobec Zagłady Żydów* (Lublin: KUL University Press, 2023).

³ *Protokoły posiedzeń Rady Ministrów RP: wrzesień 1945–kwiecień 1947*, ed. Jarosław Rabiński, preparation of documents Bartosz Czajka, Michał Dworski, Jadwiga Kowalska, Jarosław Rabiński, and Kamil Świderski (Lublin: KUL University Press, 2024).

⁴ *Rada Narodowa Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej: styczeń 1940–czterwiec 1940. Posiedzenia plenarne*, eds. Jarosław Rabiński and Bartosz Czajka, preparation of documents Bartosz Czajka, Michał Dworski, Jadwiga Kowalska, and Kamil Świderski (Lublin: KUL University Press, 2023).

includes interactive maps of the Polish community in London,⁵ Rome,⁶ and New York.⁷ The publication of three volumes of the journal *The Exile History Review* is also one of the outcome of the Centre's activities, created in collaboration with many renowned international researchers. The journal will continue to be published, contributing to the dissemination of the topics of wartime and postwar political emigration in the awareness of researchers and readers interested in these issues.

In this issue, we would like to present six texts – five in the *Articles* section and one in the *In Memoriam* section. Researcher Ivan Tepeš from Zagreb highlights the history of Croatians within two significant international emigration parties – the International Peasant Union and the Anti-Bolshevik Bloc of Nations. Anna Siwik, representing the AGH University of Science and Technology in Kraków, describes the complicated post-war history of one of the most important Polish emigration groups, the Polish Socialist Party, in a synthetic form. Marek Wierzbicki presents the activities of the Polish scouting community in the United States in the wider context of socio-cultural changes within the Polish community there. Kai Johann Willms from the University of Basel analyzes the attitudes of three Polish scholars working in the United States (Oskar Halecki, Piotr Wandycz, and Ewa Thompson) towards the Cold War discourse on Western civilization. Independent researcher Anna Ambrochowicz-Gajownik addresses the topic of care for civilian and military refugees in southern France between 1939 and 1940, conducted in collaboration between the Polish Consulate in Marseille and the Polish Red Cross.

At the end of last year, Antoni Herkulan Wróbel, OFM, passed away, and Polish scholarship lost a significant researcher of the history of the Argentine-Polish community. A short memorial text by Kamil Świderski is dedicated to Fr. Wróbel's memory.

We wish all readers an enjoyable reading, and we invite interested researchers to collaborate with our Editorial Team.

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⁵ <https://mapapolskiegolondynu.pl/>, eds. Michał Dworski and Jadwiga Kowalska.

⁶ <https://mapapolskiegorzemu.pl/>, eds. Bartosz Czajka, Michał Dworski, Uliana Hirniak.

⁷ <https://mapapolskiegonowegojorku.pl/>, eds. Bartosz Czajka and Jadwiga Kowalska.