

Call for papers

International Academic Conference:

**‘1018 – 2018: A millennium of Polish-Greek diplomatic contacts.
1000 years of Greeks in Poland’**

7-9 November 2018



In the year 1018 Bolesław the Brave set off for Kiev in order to install his son-in-law Sviatopolk on the throne. After capturing the town, according to Thietmar of Merseburg, ‘Bolesław, elated by this victory (...) also sent deputies to nearby Greece, who were intended to assure the Emperor there of his kindness, in the event that from his side the Emperor should want to keep his loyalty and friendship. Otherwise – they were to make clear to him – Bolesław would become his determined and relentless enemy’. The Saxon chronicler did not record the Emperor Basil’s response to this message, with which the Piast ruler established diplomatic relations between the young Polish state and the eastern Roman Empire, which was deemed in contemporary Latin Europe to be the state of Greeks. In the late autumn Bolesław set out on his return journey to Poland. The Rus' chronicler Nestor writes of him thus: ‘And Bolesław fled from Kiev, taking Yaroslav’s treasures and boyars with him, and his sisters, and he put Anastasius from the church of the Tithes in charge of the treasure, since he acquired his trust through such flattery’. The Anastasius mentioned here was none other than a priest from the Byzantine town Cherson (Tauric Chersonesus), which in the year 988 he had helped the army of the Kievan prince Vladimir to defeat. After a 30-year stay in Kiev he went on his way to Poland, and in the opinion of some scholars Lednica became his home. Anastasius is the first Greek person known by name who settled in Polish territory.

This year we will be marking the 1000-year anniversary of these two events, which initiated the common history of Poles and Greeks. To mark the occasion we would like warmly to invite you to take part in an international conference dedicated to the millennium of diplomatic contacts between the states of the Poles and the Greeks, as well as the thousand years for which Greeks have been present on Polish territory. The conference is planned for 7-9 November 2018 and will take place at the University of Wrocław. Post-war Wrocław was a city in which a significant proportion of the Greek refugees settled. The staff and traditions of the John Casimir University in Lvov, the most Greek town of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, were also brought to Wrocław after the Second World War.

We would like to invite to participate in the conference scholars from all fields in the humanities

and social sciences who will combine Polish- and Greek-related topics. The conference will be divided into plenary and thematic sessions, as specified below:

Archaeology: contact between Polish territory and Hellas before the year 1018; imports from the Greek world to what is now Polish territory; imports from the territory of today's Poland to Greece (Baltic amber); prehistoric migration and the spread of ideas between the basin of the Aegean Sea and the rivers Oder and Vistula.

History: knowledge of Polish territory in the ancient Greek world, that is, ancient Greek and Byzantine sources on the history of the river basin of the Oder and Vistula; Polish-Byzantine contacts; Polish crusaders and pilgrims in Greek territory; Poles and Greeks in dispute on the topics of Church union and reformation; Greek merchants in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth in the 16th/17th and 18th centuries; Poles on a Grand Tour through the Greek world; Polish Philhellenism; the Great Emigration and the Greek world; Greeks in the service of Tsarist Russia and Poland; Polish-Greek relations in the 20-year interwar period; Poles and Greeks in the Second World War; Greek Jews in Nazi-German camps on the territory of occupied Poland; Greek refugees in post-war Poland.

History of art: Byzantine art in Poland; the inspiration of ancient Greek art in Poland; collections of ancient Greek and Byzantine art in Poland; Polish art in Greece; Greek artists in contemporary Poland.

History of education and research: the learning of Greek in Poland; the legacy of ancient Greece and the Polish renaissance and classicism; the reception of Greek philosophy in Poland; Polish archaeologists and conservators and the ancient Greek and Byzantine legacy.

Literary Studies: the reception of Greek (ancient, Byzantine and modern) literature in Poland; Greek motifs in Polish literature, Polish motifs in Greek literature; Greeks writing in Polish; Poles writing in Greek (the so-called *humanistica Graeca*).

Translation Studies: translations of Greek literature (ancient, Byzantine and contemporary) into Polish; translations of Polish literature into Greek.

Linguistics: Greek-Slavonic (Polish) linguistic parallels against an Indo-European background, Greek borrowings in Polish, problems with translating Greek terms and personal names into Polish.

Bibliology and Codicology: Greek manuscripts and old prints in Polish collections, Greek prints from the territory of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, Greek archival materials in Poland; Polish archival materials (*Polonica*) in Greece.

Politology: Polish-Greek diplomatic relations; Greek public opinion on Poland in the 20th century; Polish public opinion on Greece in the 20th century; Poland and Greece's partnership in NATO and the EU.

Economy: Polish-Greek economic collaboration in the years 1918-2018.

This list of topics is open: we also welcome participants to give papers on topics connecting Greece and Poland other than those cited above.

We ask all interested potential participants to submit their applications to: hellada.polonia.1000.lat@gmail.com by 31 May 2018.

Applications should include the title of your paper and an abstract (up to 200 words). The

conference research committee will reach its decision regarding submissions by 15 June 2018.
The languages of the conference will be Polish, Greek and English. Those intending to give their papers in Polish or Greek are requested to send in a comprehensive synopsis of their paper no later than 10 days before the start of the conference, so that they can be translated into English by the organisers and made available to the audience.

Cost of the conference: 95 EUR (including: board and publication of research presented during the conference)

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