Symposium schedule

The Polish Peasant in Europe and America – Symposium 2018

A Centennial of The Polish Peasant in Europe and America: Inspiration of Thomas and Znaniecki’s Work for Sociological Scholarship on the Contemporary Globalization Processes

24th and 25th of May, Lubrański Hall, Coll. Minus UAM, Wieniawskiego 1 str., Poznań

Organized by:
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First Day: 24th of May

09.00 – 10.00 Registration
10.00 – 10.30 Press briefing
10.30 – 10.50 Symposium opening
10.50 – 11.00 Technical break
11.00 – 12.00 Lecture: Michael Burawoy (University of California, Berkeley; USA) – A Century of Ethnography - Celebrating the Global Imagination of The Polish Peasant
12.00 – 12.30 Discussion
12.30 – 12.45 Coffee break
12.45 – 13.30 Lecture: Mary Waters (Harvard University, Cambridge; USA) – Thomas and Znaniecki’s Continuing Influence on the Study of 21st Century Ethnicity in the US
13.30 – 13.45 Discussion
13.45 – 14.25 Presentations: Beata Halicka (Adam Mickiewicz University, Collegium Polonicum in Słubice; Poland) – Written memoirs of settlers in North and West Poland after 1945 as source for historical and cultural research; Mary Patrice Erdmans (Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland; USA) – Locating the narrator as both the subject and object in their life stories
14.25 – 14.45 Discussion
14.45 – 15.30 Lunch
15.30 – 16.15 Lecture: Andrzej Przestalski (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań; Poland) – Florian Znaniecki’s Early Philosophical Works and the Polish Peasant
16.15 – 16.30 Discussion
16.30 – 17.40 Presentations: Marcin Grodzki (Binghamton University, New York; USA) – Beyond The Polish Peasant: Znaniecki’s theory of the cultural evolution of human knowledge(s) and the logic behind our scientific division of labor; Ryszard Cichocki (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań; Poland) – Concepts of moral panic as a tool to reinterpret the studies of W. I. Thomas and F. Znaniecki over the emigration of families of Polish peasants to the USA; Anna Sosnowska (University of Warsaw; Poland) – Polish Greenpoint and New York City. Gentrification, ethno-racial relations and immigrant labor market at the turn of the 21st century; Dorota Praszałowicz (Jagiellonian University, Kraków; Poland) – Social disorganization or re-organization? Polish communities in Chicago at the beginning of the 20th century
17.40 – 18.10 Discussion
18.20 – 19.00 Florian Znaniecki Society meeting
20.00 Official conference dinner – Restaurant „Pretekst“. Short Presentation during the dinner of the folk music and dance from the region by the Wielkopolska Bagpipe Ensemble.

**Second day: 25th of May**

09.00 – 09.45 Lecture: ***Eli Zaretsky (New School for Social Research, New York; USA)*** – *The Individual and the Group in the Transition to Market Society: What do we learn from The Polish Peasant 100 years after its conception*

09.45 – 10.00 Discussion

10.00 – 10.45 Lecture: ***Martin Bulmer (University of Surrey, Guildford; UK)*** – *The Polish Peasant after one hundred years*

10.45 – 11.00 Discussion

11.00 – 11.40 Lectures: ***Michał Nowosielski (University of Warsaw; Poland)*** and ***Witold Nowak (University of Warsaw; Poland)*** – *How migration policies influence immigrant organizations?; Jakub Isański (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań; Poland) – A Polish student in Europe and America. On qualitative research of Polish migrants following the Florian Znaniecki’s method*

11.40 – 12.00 Discussion

12.00 – 12.20 Coffee break

12.20 – 13.00 Presentations: ***Joseph C. Hermanowicz (University of Georgia, Athens; USA)*** – *Change—Social and Personal: Thomas and Znaniecki’s The Polish Peasant for the Study of Contemporary Change in Global Higher Education; Katarzyna Gmaj (Lazarski University, Warsaw; Poland) – Inspired by Thomas and Znaniecki. Do we observe the formation of a new Polish-Norwegian society?*

13.00 – 13.20 Discussion

13.20 – 14.05 Lecture: ***Paweł Boski (University SWPS, Warsaw; Poland)*** – *100 Years of Polish Peasant in Europe and America: A Document of Historical or also Contemporary Relevance?*

14.05 – 14.20 Discussion

14.20 – 15.00 Lunch

15.00 – 15.40 Presentations: ***Chad Alan Goldberg (University of Wisconsin, Madison; USA)*** – *The Polish Peasant as a Study of Civil Incorporation and Nation Building; Krzysztof Brzechczyn (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań; Poland) – Between essentialism and constructivism in theory of nation. On Florian Znaniecki’s concept of national consciousness*

15.40 – 16.00 Discussion

16.00 – 16.45 Lecture: ***Suava Zbierski-Salameh (Haverford Institute of Public Sociology, USA-Poland)*** – *The Peasant Issue and reorganization of Polish Society: Then and Now*

16.45 – 17.00 Discussion

17.00 – 17.40 Presentations: ***Natalia Pohorila (Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv; Ukraine)*** – *Ethnographic study of interests’ conflict about the forests in Ukrainian Carpathian highlands; Katarzyna Waniek (University of Łódź; Poland) – Neoliberal values and personal attitudes towards one’s biography – the attitude and values as the key concepts in the Polish Peasant in the context of the post 1989 changes in Poland*

17.40 – 18.00 Discussion

18.00 – 18.10 Symposium summary

18:10- 20:30: The conference closing — Bus trip from the front of the conference hall and back, to the Jankowice mansion and park, (outside of Poznan), sponsored by the Tarnowo Podgorne County Mayor and Council. A newly restored historic residence of former Polish and German nobility, it is to serve primarily the rural community of Tarnowo Podgorne, as a cultural center and a place to foster education and social cohesion.