Application form for research topics in the field of social sciences for candidates to the Doctoral School in the academic year 2025/2026

Proposed subject matter of a doctorate

Polish independence exile 1945-1990. The politics of memory in the face of the crimes committed against the Polish nation 1939-2024

Scientific discipline

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

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Brief description of the research topics with an indication of the scientific issues (max. 350 words)

For political reasons, due to the decision of the Allies, more than 200,000 Poles did not return to the country and remained in exile. In foreign countries, strong Polish centers were created in Western democracies. The center of Polish political life became the capital of Great Britain, but Poles reached dozens of countries. Noteworthy is the excellent organization of the veteran community, social, political or economic organizations.

The leaders of the Polish community closely watched the events in Central and Eastern Europe, including the systemic Sovietization of all areas of life in the Country. They tried to publicize the Polish cause internationally, including through international organizations (the UN, ACEN, the European Movement). They created their own political structures. The government of the Republic of Poland in exile continued its mission, organizing government agencies, a substitute for parliament, ministry structures. Great importance was attached to preserving mobilization capabilities, especially since the soldiers of the Polish Armed Forces in the West were not demobilized, but were granted indefinite leave. It was assumed that in a short period of time, a large part of the units of the Polish Armed Forces could be reconstituted thanks to the nucleus of commands. Very important here was the offer of accession of free Poles to the NATO structures being created, which was served by the contacts of, among others, General Wladyslaw Anders with politicians and officers from the armies of Western countries.

The phenomenon of Polish emigration in the aftermath of World War II is that to this day the influence of this community on national and international processes is still felt, and a properly implemented memory policy can help preserve knowledge of the activities of the exile, which will

consolidate Polish society in the 21st century.

Related to the above-mentioned area of research is the question of a broadly understood policy of remembrance concerning the Polish effort in World War II, the Polish deed of independence in the 19th and 20th centuries, as well as the crimes committed against the Polish people by the Germans, Soviets and Ukrainians.

Justification of the purposefulness of taking up the research topics (max. 150 words)

Contrary to appearances, the suggested research issues are far from exhausted. Many aspects require research and await their researchers. The community of historians and political scientists, concentrated for more than 30 years at the Technical University of Koszalin, has undoubted achievements in this area.

The study of source documents, press, periodicals and scientific achievements of the Polish exile remains a hugely important issue.

Further queries in Polish archives, libraries, collections of organizations and associations are necessary. Some of the latter are still functioning and trying to preserve their legacy files, hoping that through these activities the memory of their achievements will not be lost.

What is important is the influence of Polish political emigration on contemporary labor emigration in the European Union countries, which is noticeable. Therefore, it is also worth examining this aspect of the impact of the Second Great Emigration.

The above issues are part of the broader politics of memory, so important in contemporary international relations.

Proposed topics of doctoral theses within the proposed research subject matter (up to 3 topics)

- 1. The vision of the Polish state and local government administration after the end of World War II from the optics of the Polish Government in Exile.
- 2. State and local government administration in Poland after the end of the war in the vision of the Polish Government in Exile
- 3. The role of the veteran community in the activities of the Polish emigration 1945-2022

The sources of financing of the research topics (the subject matter of currently implemented research grants financed from external sources or as part of subsidies)

Statutory project for 2024-2025 - Poles at home and in exile in the face of global and regional political and economic processes in the 20th and 21st centuries.

Confirmation of the possibility of ensuring access to scientific apparatus and software necessary for the realization of the proposed research topics

FULLY

If the answer is PARTIALLY or NONE please indicate a type of missing scientific apparatus and/or software and the sources of financing an access to them

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List of the supervisor's scientific achievements in the field of indicated scientific problems

A list of up to 5 major supervisor's publications related to the proposed research topics, published in journals indexed in the Web of Science or Scopus for the period of the last 3 years (taking into account the IF Impact Factor and the MNiSW score)

- 1. Obchody Święta Niepodległości i rocznicy wybuchu powstania wielkopolskiego w środowisku byłych powstańców w Wielkiej Brytanii 1940-1989, "Dzieje Najnowsze", Instytut Historii im. Tadeusza Manteuffla Polskiej Akademii Nauk, 2019, p. 119-134.
- 2. Relacje gen. Władysława Andersa z organizacjami kombatanckimi w USA 1946-1970, [in:] Rola Polonii USA w kształtowaniu relacji polsko-amerykańskich w XX i XXI wieku, edited by W. Gliński, Warszawa Orchard Lake 2020, p. 367-408.
- 3. *W cieniu wielkiej polityki. Londyńskie dzieje pomnika katyńskiego 1971-1979*, "Saeculum Christianum", Nr 1/2021, p. 221-232.
- 4. Generał Broni Władysław Anders 1892-1970. Czyny i pamięć, Warszawa 2022.
- 5. Ewakuacja Armii Polskiej ze Związku Sowieckiego na Bliski i Środkowy Wschód w świetle wydawnictw źródłowych ośrodka koszalińskiego, [in:] In memoria amicorum. Księga pamiątkowa ku czci prof. Zbigniewa Wawra, 2024, Muzeum Łazienki Królewskie, s.233-250.
- 6. General Władysław Anders. Deeds and Remembrance, Warszawa 2024.
- 7. Z archiwum polskiej politologii XX w. Jerzy Niezbrzycki (Ryszard Wraga) o Związku Sowieckim, socjalizmie i sprawach polskich w 1945 r. Wybór pism, Koszalin 2024.

A list of research grants financed by the National Science Centre, the National Centre of Research and Development and the European Research Council for the period of the last 5 years

Koszalińskie "Centrum Badań nad Uchodźstwem i Emigracją". Studia nad dziejami polskiej emigracji, (Umowa nr NdS-II/SP/0154/2023/01)

A list of research services provided for industry related to the proposed research topics for the period of the last 5 years

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