

III INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Role of the Kurds in the Middle East

14 May 2018

Collegium Civitas

1 Defilad Square, Warsaw 00-901, Poland

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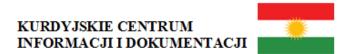


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- **8.00-9.00** Registration
- 9.00-9.20 Opening Remarks by Mr. Ziyad Raoof, KRG Representative in Poland
- **9.20–9.45** Opening Speech by Michiel Leezenberg Prof. "State and Society in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, 1991-2018" (University of Amsterdam)

9.45-10.40 Panel I. The diverse aspects of Kurdish policy

chair: Renata Kurpiewska-Korbut Ph.D.

- 1. Peshawa Abdulkhalia Muhammed Ph.D. "The Future of Kurdistan Region: Opportunities and Challenges" (University of Sulaimani)
- 2. Shwan Sharey M.A. "Oil and gas: KRG's Energy Foreign Policy" (University of Warsaw)

Discussion after the panel.

10.40-10.50 break

10.50-12.25 Panel II. Identity, society, culture

chair: Marcin Rzepka Ph.D.

- 1. Aynur Unal Ph.D. "Indigeneity Discourse within Kurdish Political Movement" (University of Leicester)
- 2. Renata Kurpiewska-Korbut Ph.D. "Socio-political role of modern Kurdish cultural institutions" (Jagiellonian University)
- 3. Karol Kaczorowski Ph. D. "Stigmatization and dehumanization of Kurds as urban practice in Turkey" (Jagiellonian University)
- 4. Joanna Bocheńska Ph.D. "The problem of solidarity with the Kurds. Why do we need the voice of Kurdish culture to be more audible" (Jagiellonian University)

Discussion after the panel

12.25-13.30 lunch break

13.30-14.45 Panel III. Security & Defence

chair: Cyprian Kozera Ph.D.

- 1. Azhy A. Ahmed "The Fight Against ISIS and Post-ISIS Stability: The Role of Peshmerga" (Political Advisor to HE Deputy Prime Minister, KRG)
- 2. Hoshyar Siwaily MSc "The future of Kurdistan Region after the Referendum" (Head of Kurdistan Democratic Party's Foreign Relations Office)
- 3. Piotr Sosnowski M.A. "The conceptualization of internal and external conditions for the regional security policy of the Kurdistan Region" (University of Warsaw)

Discussion after the panel

14.45-16.20 Panel IV. Facing others. The various dimensions of international relations

chair: Piotr Sosnowski M.A.

- 1. Paweł Olszewski Prof. "The Kurdish question in the international politics after the World War I" (Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce)
- 2. Marcin Rzepka Ph.D. "Missionaries, Doctors and Nomads. The Kurdish-American relations in the Eastern Kurdistan in the first half of the 20th century" (Pontifical University of John Paul II in Kraków)
- 3. Konrad Zasztowt, Ph.D. "The Armenian Issues in the Discourse of Contemporary Kurdish Intellectuals in Turkey" (University of Warsaw)
- 4. Klaudia Ohnsorge M.A. "Obcokrajowcy w YPG przykład Wielkiej Brytanii" (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań)

Discussion after the panel

chair: Karol Kaczorowski Ph.D.

- 1. Arshad Hamad Meho Prof. "Religious Minorities in Kurdistan and Iraq in Confrontation with terrorism: Yezidis as a Sample" (University of Dohuk)
- 2. Roman Żuchowicz M.A. "Yezidis the birth of the nation?" (University of Warsaw)
- 3. Artur Rodziewicz Ph.D. "Milete min Êzîd. The uniqueness of the Yezidi concept of the nation." (Jagiellonian University)

Discussion after the panel and closing remarks

18:00 after the conference we invite you to the headquarters of Representation of Kurdistan Regional Government in Poland (Aleje Jerozolimskie 53, 3rd floor): refreshments and opening of the exhibition by Dr Antoni Przemysław Kosowski: Kurdistan Through the Lens of Witold Rajkowski, Orientalist and Traveler. Photographs from the 1940s.