

# **Uncovering The Past Towards the Future, Uniting Experiences and Values.**

## **Kurdistan in Western and Eastern Research Tradition.**

**24-26.10.2016**

Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland

Collegium Maius, Jagiellońska Street 15,

Michał Bobrzyński Conference Hall, Kazimierz The Great Conference Hall

The conference will be held in memory of August Kościesza-Żaba, the Polish-Russian diplomat and researcher and Mela Mahmud Bayazidi the Kurdish clergyman who according to Żaba “was his teacher and collaborator” in collecting, translating and commenting on Kurdish texts.

### **Monday, 24.10. 2016**

8.30 -10.00 Registration of the participants

(at the entrance to Bobrzyński Conference Hall)

**Michał Bobrzyński Conference Hall, Collegium Maius,**

#### **9.00-10.00 Opening of the conference with the participation of:**

Prof. Dorota Szumska, The Vice-Dean of The Faculty of Philology of Jagiellonian University

Prof. Barbara Michalak-Pikulska, The Director of the Institute of Oriental Studies

Mr Ziyad Raof, The Representative of The Kurdistan Regional Government to Poland

#### **10.00 – 10.30 Coffee Break**

**10.30-12.30 August Kościesza Żaba, Mela Mahmud Bayazîdî and their epoch, part I, in English, chair: Joanna Bocheńska**

Michiel Leezenberg (University of Amsterdam), *Native scholar or native informant? Bayazidi, Jaba and the creation of orientalist knowledge*

Denis Volkov, (Sorbonne Nouvelle Paris 3, CNRS) *Russian Orientalism, Kurdish Studies and (Anti-)Colonialism*

Kirill Vertiayev, (Russian Academy of Science), *Kurdish politics of Russian Empire (1721-1917): an overview based on available Russian archive records*

Salih Akin, (University of Rouen), *August Kościesza-Jaba and the emergence of the lexicography of Kurdish*

### **12.30-14.00 Lunch break**

**14.00 – 16.00 Kurdistan Between Conflicts and Will for Stability: Kurdish Struggles for Independence**, in English, chair: Hashem Ahmedzadeh

Michael Eppel, (University of Haifa and Oranim College of Education), *Big state, small state or autonomous self-governing regions – Kurdish dilemmas in historical and contemporary perspectives*

Ofra Bengio, (Moshe Dayan Center/Israel), *The Kurds: Proxies forever?*

Martin Riegl, (FSS Charles University in Prague), *KR's quest for independent statehood: trapped in internal and geopolitical rivalries*

Yasin Sunca, *Stat(Us)e-Less Diplomacy of the Kurds*

Seevan Saeed (Independent Researcher), *Kurdish National Movement in the North: From State Building to the Nation Building*

### **16.00-16.30 Coffee break**

**16.30-18.30 Kurdistan Between Conflicts and Will for Stability: Prospects of Development**, in English, chair: Renata Kurpiewska-Korbut

Peshewa Abdulkhaliq Muhammed (University of Suleymani), *Iraqi Kurdistan and its changing Region*

Ali Tawfiq Hassan (Salahaddin University) and Namam Salih (Libre de Bruxelles Universite-ULB-Brussels, Soran University), *Perspectives about Iraqi-Kurdistan, Economic Stability and Political Challenges*

Lana Askari (University of Manchester), *Imagining Future: A Visual Ethnography of Planning, Infrastructure and the State in Iraqi Kurdistan*

Anne Sofie Schøtt, (University of Copenhagen), *The reaction of Kurdish diaspora to the declaration of the autonomous Kurdish region in Syria*

**Kazimierz The Great Conference Hall, Collegium Maius**

**14.00 – 16.00 August Kościeszka Żaba, Mela Mahmud Bayazîdî and their epoch, part 2,**  
in Kurdish, chair: Michiel Leezenberg

Aram Ali Mustafa (University of Sulaimani), *August Kościeszka-Żaba (Alexander Jaba)*  
*and the Rise of Kurdology in Russia: A Necessity or Coincidence?*

Phreset Rosbeiani, (Salahaddin University), *Helmuth von Moltke discovers Kurdistan*

Qader Mohamed Hassan, (Salahaddin University), *Kurds in the Islamic political development*  
*from the standpoint of Basil Nikitin*

**16.00-16.30 Coffee break**

**Tuesday, 25.10.2016,**

**Michał Bobrzyński Conference Hall**

**9.00 -11.30 Kurdish Cultural Heritage, Practice and Projects, English/Kurdish, chair:**  
Michiel Leezenberg

Kawa Morad, (University of Exeter), *Performing Statehood: Heritage and Cultural Practices in Iraqi Kurdistan*, in English

Hoshang F. Jawad, (University of Suleymani): *Indifference or Inferiority? The Case of Language Corruption in Post-Uprising Iraqi Kurdistan*, in English

Mustafa Saglam, *The Influence of the Cinema Media and Videos in Context of Basur-Rojava-Bakur Syrie-Irak-Turquie Conflicts About the Kurdish Identity's Representation*, in Kurdish

Osman Ahmed, (University of Sulaimani), *Continuity of the Kurdish Genocide: An Artist's Account*, Kurdish/English

Ibrahim Seydo Aydogan (INALCO): *Kurdish Alphabet: the Never Ending Dispute*

**11.30-12.00 Coffee Break**

**12.00-14.30 Victims, Fighters and Activists. Reshaping the situation of Kurdish Women, English/Kurdish, chair: Beata Kowalska**

Nazand Begikhani, (University of Bristol) *Government and NGO Responses to Gender-Based Violence in Iraqi Kurdistan*

Lucie Drechselová, (Charles University (Prague), EHESS (Paris), *Kurdish Women's Movement in Turkey 2015-2016 –Shaping Priorities?*

Sarwar Abdulrahman Omer, (PAY Institute of Education and Development) *Yazidi Women as Prisoners, A Historical Study about Yazidi Women's Living Conditions under Rulings from Islamic States*, Kurdish/English

**Refugees, migrants, travellers: different forms of migration and international networks of the Kurds**

Karol Kaczorowski (Jagiellonian University), *Between Thriving and Assimilation - new generation of Kurdish migrants in Istanbul*

Kemal Kaya, (Yüzüncü Yıl University), *Testimonies in Southeast Turkey about the 1990s*

## 14.30-15.30 Lunch Break

### Kazimierz The Great Conference Hall

#### 15.30-17.15 Imagined, Real and Narrated: Kurdish Novels in Search for Values and Identity English/Kurdish, chair: Joanna Bocheńska

Hashem Ahmedzadeh, *Challenging The Patriarchal Values by The Kurdish Women Novelists*, in English

Ameen Abdulqader Omar, (University of Exeter), *Searching for Authentic Values in the Iraqi Kurdish Novel, 1970-2013 (Examining the Notion of Problematic Hero)*, in Kurdish

Ali Mustafa Karim, (Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research – Kurdistan), *Generational Conflict in the Question of the Conscience by Ahmad Mukhtar Jaf*, in Kurdish

Davut Yeşilmen, (University of Duisburg-Essen): *An Imaginary Binxet (Syrian Kurdistan) – Exile, Identity and Borders in The Works of Kurdish Novelists in the Time of Swedish Exile*, in Kurdish

#### 17.15 - 17.45 Coffee Break

#### 17.45-19.00 Imagined, Real and Narrated: Diverse Sources of Inspiration in Kurdish Literature, in Kurdish, chair: Hashem Ahmedzadeh

Ferzan Şêr (Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University), *Shadow Image in the Northertn/Kurmanjî Literature*

Saadi Uthman Haruti, (Salahadden University), *Oral Literature As a Source For Writing the History of Kurdistan*

Azad Ubed, (Salahaddin University), *The History of Hataw Magazine in 1913-1914 and Making Correct Numbers of Them*, Kurdish/English

**Wednesday, 26.10.2016**

**Kazimierz The Great Hall**

**10.00 – 11.30 Religion, Identity and Memory: Multireligious Context of Kurdistan Memory, part 1, in Kurdish**

Majid Khaleel Fattah, (University of Suleymani), *The Jews of Kurdistan in Orientalist's Perspective*

Jamal Fathullah, (Koya University), *The Relationship Between Muslims and Christians in Koya, 1918-1958*

Mohammed Ahmed Ibrahim Galalaye, (Soran University): *Amêdî City in the perspective of Christian Missionaries in the Nineteenth Century*

**11.30 - 12.00 Coffee Break**

**12.00-14.00 Religion, Identity and Memory: Multireligious Context of Kurdistan Memory, part. 2, in English, chair: Mateusz Kłagisz**

David Leupold (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin), *Remembering A Multireligious Past: Local Memory on the Fileh Among the Kurds of Gimjim and Gever*

Krzysztof Lalik (Jagiellonian University), *Ethnicity over religion? The ambiguous and multidimensional character of Kurdish-Assyrian relations in contemporary Iraqi Kurdistan*

Z. Asli Elitsoy (Bilkent University), *The Ethno-religious Kurdish Identity in Turkey: The case of Kurdish Hizbullah*

Edith Szanto, (American University of Suleymani), *Zoroaster was a Kurd!: On the Rise of Neo-Zoroastrianism in Contemporary Kurdistan*

Marcin Rzepka (Pontifical University of Jan Paul II), *Religion. Knowledge. Representation. The genesis of the Lutheran Orient Mission in Kurdistan*

**14.00-15.00 Lunch Break**

**15.00 – 17.00 Religion, Identity and Memory, part 3: the Yezidis and the Ahle-Haqq**

Chair: Marcin Rzepka

Sergiy Anoshko, (Cardinal Wyszyński University), *The Kurdish Identity, the Yezidi Identity: the Significance and Role of the Yezidis Religion in Kurdish Modern Society*

Artur Rodziewicz (Jagiellonian University), *Between Bagdad and Lalish. Sufi Theory of Love and the Yezidi Sacred Hymns*

Bartłomiej Krzysztan (University of Wrocław/Ilia State University, Tbilisi), Wiland Scheib (Caucasus University/Independent Researcher) *Ethnopolitical Creation of the Nation(al) Idea as a Result of Transferred Memories, Experience of Trauma and Deliberative Freedom. Examine (Three) Different Diaspora Practises of Yazidis*

Sholeh Paknejad Sahneh, (Azad Hamadan University), *Dunadun*

The conference is organised in the scope of the research project How to make a voice audible? Continuity and change of Kurdish culture and social reality in postcolonial perspectives ([www.kurdishstudies.pl](http://www.kurdishstudies.pl)) financed by the Polish National Centre of Science.