

# Mysł Polityczna Political Thought

The Republic of Poland recovered its independence over thirty years ago when it broke free from the control of the Soviet empire. This year we commemorate the centenary of the victory of the Polish army over the Bolsheviks, as well as the fortieth anniversary of the birth of the Solidarity Movement and the foundation of the "Solidarity" Independent Self-Governing Trade Union. Those ruminations provide the framework for the first English edition of the new periodical *Mysł Polityczna. Political Thought*.

A variety of political perspectives needs to be presented in order to elucidate the nation's condition on many levels, including the crises of European institutions, the state in the integration processes, the political culture influencing the identity of the community, and finally the place of religion in public life. It further concerns the foundations and content of Poland's "normative (cultural, moral, legal) order", an order shaped by Western traditions.

The volume also raises those political ideas which determine the uniqueness of Central- or East-Central Europe. The questions addressed in this issue include a reflection on the form of government most suitable for Polish political culture when compared to the constitutional traditions or identities of other countries.

The new periodical is issued by the Sejm Publishing Office of the Chancellery of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland [*Kancelaria Sejmu Wydawnictwo Sejmowe*]. Thus, it is associated with the lower house of the Polish parliament, an institution that is actively involved in the shaping of political ideas.

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In the "Articles" section **Tomasz Żyro** discusses those ideas that the Polish Commonwealth "needed" to define its identity, while **Tomasz Grzegorz Grosse** explores the perspectives of Polish political thinkers regarding cooperation in East-Central Europe.

The "Debates" section offers the transcript of a panel composed of **Andrzej Nowak**, **Waldemar Paruch**, **Paweł Kowal** and **Krystyna Trembicka** on the status of Eastern policy in current Polish political thought.

In the "Primary sources" section the reader will find the text of an extraordinary document from 1980: *The 21 Demands of the Interfactory Strike Committee in Gdańsk*, supplemented with a contemporary commentary.

In "Reviews" the readers will find **Bogdan Szlachta's** critique of the book *Counter-Revolution: Liberal Europe in Retreat* by a Polish professor at Oxford University, **Jan Zielonka**, exploring the key tensions emerging in the current political debate between the liberals and the "populists".

The "Varia" section contains two papers, the first of which is a polemic by **Maciej Zakrzewski** against a discourse on Polish culture and history, while the second, written by **Jacek Kłoczowski**, presents a publication series, released by the Centre of Political Thought [*Ośrodek Myśli Politycznej*] in Kraków.



## Myśl Polityczna Political Thought

*Myśl Polityczna. Political Thought* is an academic journal published since 2019 by the Sejm Publishing Office of the Chancellery of the Republic of Poland [Kancelaria Sejmu Wydawnictwo Sejmowe]. It aims to explore and popularize reflection on political issues, especially those addressed in Polish social sciences. The journal is also intended as a forum for debate on the political problems and challenges inherent to modern countries undergoing integration processes. Along with presenting the current state of research, it encourages discussion on the theoretical foundations of political institutions and public life.

Each issue of the journal consists of five sections: *Articles, Debates, Primary sources, Reviews* and *Varia*. The journal releases five issues per year, including an issue in English which is a collection of selected texts from previous issues.

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