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WELCOME LETTER

Distinguished Delegates,

On behalf of the Cambridge University Polish Society and the whole organising committee, I am delighted to welcome you to the 10th Congress of Polish Student Societies in the United Kingdom. We are extremely proud to have been able to invite you to Cambridge to celebrate this special occasion, marking a decade since the Congress was first initiated by Professor Zbigniew Pełczyński.

This year's programme allows for breadth and depth of discussions. The four pillars – Career, Culture, Politics & Economics, and Integration – are designed to touch upon issues that are not only current, but also of crucial importance to us, Polish students in the United Kingdom.

The Congress was, is, and will be bringing young Poles living in the UK together. It is a chance to exchange views, integrate, shape future leaders, but also – and maybe this year more than ever before – to demonstrate the strength that lies in our community. Let this year's Congress be a platform for productive discussions beyond divisions, a platform that inspires collaboration and inclusivity. May I take this opportunity to thank our distinguished speakers and guests, our sponsors and partners, and my amazing team, for being eponyms of these values in the run-up to this event.

With my very best wishes of fruitful workshops, stimulating discussions, and unforgettable fun,



Jakub Nagrodzki
Project Leader



Saturday, 28/01/17, 2:00PM
Centre at St Paul's

DISCUSSION PANEL: XENOPHOBIA

Different does (not) mean worse -
xenophobia and prejudice in light of
recent political transformations

Grzegorz Nawrocki: TV journalist, reporter. A graduate of Cambridge University, UCLAN (Preston), Warsaw University and Jagiellonian University. British Chevening scholar in 1997 and 2000. Laureate of BAS Top People Project and civil society programme of the Robert Schumann Foundation. Work experience at Polish, British and Danish Media (TVP, BBC). President of the British Alumni Society in Poland. Editor and host of political debates in Poland organised by Oxford and Cambridge Society of Poland and Onet.pl.



Grzegorz Nawrocki
Panel Moderator

Dr Adam Bodnar has been the Polish Ombudsman since 2015. He is also a Polish lawyer, educator, and human rights activist. Dr Bodnar obtained his experience as Vice President of the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights and Chair of the Board of Trustees of the UN Fund for Victims of Torture. Dr Adam Bodnar has authored numerous academic papers. His doctoral thesis on constitutional law has been published by the Sejm.



Dr Adam Bodnar



Dr Karolina Wigura

Dr Karolina Wigura is a Polish sociologist, historian of ideas, and journalist. She works as a lecturer at Warsaw University's Institute of Sociology. She graduated from the University of Warsaw, and completed her PhD at the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich. She is also editor of the political section of the "Kultura Liberal" (Liberal Culture) magazine.



Dr Rafał Pankowski

Dr Rafał Pankowski is a Polish sociologist and political scientist. He studied Philosophy, Politics, and Economics at the University of Oxford, and Political Science at the University of Warsaw. He was also the first Polish scholar at Eton College. He is the vice Editor-in-Chief of the "Nigdy Więcej" magazine, as well as professor at Collegium Civitas in Warsaw.



Wojciech Kaczmarczyk

Director of the Department for Civil Society at the Chancellery of the Prime Minister of Poland. He has worked as an expert with the Foundation in Support for Local Democracy and the Centre for Dispute and Conflict Resolution. While working for the European Commission and other international organisations, he advised on a number of educational and civil society programmes, including Erasmus+ and Europe for Citizens.