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Interdisciplinary Balkan Centre, Kazimierz Wielki University in Bydgoszcz

Commission on Central Europe of the Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences

and

Commission on Contemporary History of the Slavs

invite to an international scientific conference entitled

## **Interdisciplinary Balkan Symposium**

which will be held on June 22–23, 2026, in Lodz (Łódź), Poland

at the Training and Conference Centre of the University of Lodz, Kopcińskiego 16/18 street, Łódź

## Subject and objectives of the conference

The idea for the Interdisciplinary Balkan Studies Symposium arose following the conference “Political Order in the Balkans – Stabilising and Destabilising Factors,” held in June 2025. The organisers recognised that the issues raised at that time required deeper exploration and broader engagement to encompass new research horizons.

The goal of the Interdisciplinary Balkan Studies Symposium is to create a forum for the exchange of ideas for researchers representing various disciplines in the social sciences and humanities. Reflecting on the Balkan region as a space of dynamic historical, political, social, cultural, religious, and linguistic processes will help better understand its complex nature.

The organisers believe that the **dialogue between disciplines** and the confrontation of **diverse cognitive perspectives from different countries and academic traditions will become** a source of many inspiring debates and new research directions.

The conference will be devoted to broadly understood Balkan problems, analysed from both a local and global perspective – covering issues of big politics and the game of interests, as well as microhistory, new tendencies in reading ancient and contemporary literature, and changes taking place in the languages and cultures of the region.

### Proposed thematic areas:

- History, historiography, historical policy;
- Security;
- Domestic and foreign policy;
- Political systems;
- The Balkans in international relations (regional and global);
- Ethnic conflicts;
- Social movements and civil society;
- Sustainable development and ecology;
- Media, information manipulation, and disinformation;
- Transitional justice;
- Languages, literatures, and cultures of the region;
- Religion and the role of churches;

- Identity;
- Memory studies;
- Migrations, diasporas;
- Film, art;
- The Balkans in the process of globalisation.

### **Organising committee**

- Spasimir Domaradzki
- Mirella Korzeniewska-Wiszniewska
- Piotr Krężel
- Magdalena Rekść
- Sławomir Lucjan Szczesio
- Katarzyna Wasiak
- Paweł Wawryszuk
- Rafał Woźnica

### **Organisational information**

- The conference will be held on **June 22 and 23, 2026, in Łódź**, at the Training and Conference Centre of the University of Lodz (ul. Kopcińskiego 16/18). The conference languages are **Polish** and **English**.
- The conference will be a **hybrid** event. Participation is available in person or via Zoom.

### The conference fee is

- **450 PLN (110 EUR)** – on-site participation without accommodation,
- **200 PLN (50 EUR)** – remote participation,
- **600 PLN (148 EUR)** – participation with one night's accommodation
- **750 PLN (183 EUR)**– participation with two nights' accommodation.

**The organisers provide:**

- meals (lunch, dinner)
- accommodation (breakfast included)
- publication of the text in the following journals:
  - „Studia Środkowoeuropejskie i Bałkanistyczne”:  
<https://ejournals.eu/czasopismo/ssb>
  - Eastern Review: <https://czasopisma.uni.lodz.pl/eastern>

**Deadlines:**

Please register your participation in the conference, along with the title of your paper and a summary, by completing the registration form (attached to this message) by March 31, 2026, to the following e-mail address: **[balkansymposium@uni.lodz.pl](mailto:balkansymposium@uni.lodz.pl)**

**Please pay the conference fee by April 30, 2026, to the following account:**

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Santander Bank Polska S.A.  
92 1500 1360 1213 6001 8602 0000  
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**The transfer title must be:**  
**Balkans 2026**

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