



Call for papers and panels for the 5th International Congress of Polish History

“Sites and Spaces”

(Kraków, 19–22 October 2027)

The Organising Committee of the 5th International Congress of Polish History invites researchers to submit proposals for papers and panels! The Congress is the largest academic event dedicated to those from around the world with an interest in Polish history and culture. Since 2007, it has been held every five years in Kraków, and the next edition will take place from 19 to 22 October 2027.

The conference is intended to be a forum for presenting the latest interpretations and for the creative development of historiographical scholarship on Polish and Central European history. We invite the historical community and researchers from various academic disciplines to participate in sessions, discussions, and lectures. We are particularly keen to involve people from different generations and regions of the world.

This time, the leading theme of the Congress will be the categories of sites, places and space. Within this broad thematic framework, we see room for various subdisciplines: urban history; the history of settlement; social, economic, environmental, and non-anthropocentric history; microhistory; the history of culture, ideas, and mentalities; and the history of warfare. Given the thematic diversity of the individual sessions, we want them to be primarily problem-oriented and to go beyond narrow chronological boundaries. The papers and panels should fit within this overarching theme, whilst also focusing on current and important research issues within the topics or perspectives you propose.

We invite you to submit proposals for conference sessions and individual papers. Please ensure that your session/panel proposal adheres to our general guidelines:

Paper proposals should include:

- Title
- Short bio of the author (name and surname, a biographical note, affiliation, contact details) should be sent by 30 September 2026 via the online form
- Abstract (max. 1,300 characters/200 words)

The time for a paper presentation is 20 minutes.

Session proposals should include:

- Title
- Description (max. 4000 characters/800 words)
- Composition (names and surnames of moderators and participants, including their affiliations, description of the session, the titles and short abstracts of each session presentation)
- Contact details (e-mail) of the moderators

Sessions should have two moderators, each representing a different institution.



At least 4 international researchers should participate in the session, though the standard should be 5–7 people. You may also invite one person from Poland to participate, preferably as a commentator or discussant. Each session should last 4 hours. Within this timeframe, you are free to decide on the format, composition, breaks, etc., as you see appropriate. We welcome traditional sessions with papers, longer introductory lectures, workshops, or panel discussions. It is important to allow sufficient time for open discussion.

Papers or panels must be submitted in English or Polish **by 30 September 2026** [via the online form.](#)

By the end of October 2026, the Organising Committee will notify authors of the acceptance or rejection of their submissions. Authors of selected papers may be invited to participate in the indicated thematic sessions or the poster session organised during the Congress. Draft papers or extended abstracts should be ready by the end of July 2027 and will be available on the Congress intranet to all Congress participants approximately one month before the event begins.

Congress participants will be provided with accommodation, coffee breaks, and lunches during the proceedings, as well as conference materials. We do not anticipate charging participants a fee, but the range of additional attractions will depend on the funding sources.

If you have questions about the Congress, do not hesitate to contact us via: contact@polishhistorycongress.com.

Organising Institutions:

- Krakow Branch of the Polish Historical Society
- Faculty of History, Jagiellonian University in Krakow
- Institute of History and Archival Studies, University of the National Education Commission in Krakow
- Museum of Polish History
- International Cultural Centre
- Museum of Krakow

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