



An Afternoon Lecture with Tomasz Pudłocki, Ph.D.

Galicia: History and Myth

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This event took place in the Panorama Room on the campus of the Orchard Lake Schools on Friday, December 18, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

The popularity of Austrian-Galician topics among scholars has been growing and growing recently. It is not by accident. Galicia is perceived as a typical Central European land – home for many nations and ethnic groups and at the same time a region of poverty, political tensions, patriarchy, and conservatism. But a common myth of Galicia is different. The popularity of imperial-royal clubs and bars on both sides of today's border between Poland and Ukraine, paramilitary historical groups, as well as the belief in golden times during the reign of "old, good Franz Joseph", is enormous. Therefore, the past shapes present day, and present day expectations shape the concept of the past. This lecture dealt with bitter-sweet history, the complex co-existence of Poles, Ukrainians and Jews, the problem of emigration, together with the issue of institutionalizing of Galician history into today's perception.