



III INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Role of the Kurds in the Middle East

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**KURDYJSKIE CENTRUM
INFORMACJI I DOKUMENTACJI**



8.00–9.00 Registration

9.00–9.20 Opening Remarks by Mr. Ziyad Raouf, KRG Representative in Poland

9.20–9.45 Opening Speech by Michiel Leezenberg Prof. „State and Society in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, 1991-2018” (University of Amsterdam)

9.45–10.40 Panel I. The diverse aspects of Kurdish policy

chair: Renata Kurpiewska-Korbut Ph.D.

1. Peshawa Abdulkhaliq Muhammed Ph.D. „The Future of Kurdistan Region: Opportunities and Challenges” (University of Sulaimani)
2. Shwan Sharey M.A. „Oil and gas: KRG's Energy Foreign Policy” (University of Warsaw)

Discussion after the panel.

10.40-10.50 break

10.50-12.25 Panel II. Identity, society, culture

chair: Marcin Rzepka Ph.D.

1. Aynur Unal Ph.D. „Indigeneity Discourse within Kurdish Political Movement” (University of Leicester)
2. Renata Kurpiewska-Korbut Ph.D. „Socio-political role of modern Kurdish cultural institutions” (Jagiellonian University)
3. Karol Kaczorowski Ph. D. „Stigmatization and dehumanization of Kurds as urban practice in Turkey” (Jagiellonian University)
4. Joanna Bocheńska Ph.D. „The problem of solidarity with the Kurds. Why do we need the voice of Kurdish culture to be more audible” (Jagiellonian University)

Discussion after the panel

12.25-13.30 lunch break

13.30-14.45 Panel III. Security & Defence

chair: Cyprian Kozera Ph.D.

1. Azhy A. Ahmed „The Fight Against ISIS and Post-ISIS Stability: The Role of Peshmerga” (Political Advisor to HE Deputy Prime Minister, KRG)
2. Hoshyar Siwaily MSc “The future of Kurdistan Region after the Referendum” (Head of Kurdistan Democratic Party's Foreign Relations Office)
3. Piotr Sosnowski M.A. „The conceptualization of internal and external conditions for the regional security policy of the Kurdistan Region” (University of Warsaw)

Discussion after the panel

14.45-16.20 Panel IV. Facing others. The various dimensions of international relations

chair: Piotr Sosnowski M.A.

1. Paweł Olszewski Prof. „The Kurdish question in the international politics after the World War I” (Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce)
2. Marcin Rzepka Ph.D. „Missionaries, Doctors and Nomads. The Kurdish-American relations in the Eastern Kurdistan in the first half of the 20th century” (Pontifical University of John Paul II in Kraków)
3. Konrad Zasztowt, Ph.D. „The Armenian Issues in the Discourse of Contemporary Kurdish Intellectuals in Turkey” (University of Warsaw)
4. Klaudia Ohnsorge M.A. „Obcokrajowcy w YPG – przykład Wielkiej Brytanii” (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań)

Discussion after the panel

16.20-17.40 Panel V. Yezidis. Identity and struggle to survive

chair: Karol Kaczorowski Ph.D.

1. Arshad Hamad Meho Prof. „Religious Minorities in Kurdistan and Iraq in Confrontation with terrorism: Yezidis as a Sample” (University of Dohuk)
2. Roman Żuchowicz M.A. „Yezidis – *the birth of the nation?*” (University of Warsaw)
3. Artur Rodziewicz Ph.D. „*Milete min Êzîd*. The uniqueness of the Yezidi concept of the nation.” (Jagiellonian University)

Discussion after the panel and closing remarks

18:00 after the conference we invite you to the headquarters of Representation of Kurdistan Regional Government in Poland (Aleje Jerozolimskie 53, 3rd floor): refreshments and opening of the exhibition by Dr Antoni Przemysław Kosowski: *Kurdistan Through the Lens of Witold Rajkowski, Orientalist and Traveler. Photographs from the 1940s.*