Monthly Publications Update, January 2022, PSA/H-Poland Member Submissions

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(7 entries: books, source-readers, article)

Books:

1. Maria Ferenc, „Każdy pyta, co z nami będzie”. *Mieszkańcy getta warszawskiego wobec wiadomości o wojnie i Zagładzie* ['Everyone asks what will become of us'. Inhabitants of the Warsaw ghetto in the face of the news about war and the Holocaust], Warszawa: Żydowski Instytut Historyczny, 2021.

Keywords: Holocaust, circulation of information, knowledge, news, rumors, Warsaw ghetto

Abstract: This thoroughly researched book addresses an important problem: what did Jews of the Warsaw ghetto know about the events taking place outside of the ghetto and how did they understand them? What information various groups of Jews had about the chain of events that we refer to today as 'the Holocaust'? How did the knowledge about it emerge among the Jews? Maria Ferenc's monograph contributes the growing field of research regarding the circulation of knowledge during the Holocaust by showing how vital were information. The author shows the multitude of Jewish reactions and responses to the knowledge about the genocide. She explores the important subject of the existential experience of Holocaust victims and the psychological and cognitive mechanisms in confrontation with the news about the functioning of the death camps.


Keywords: UNWCC, Poland, Holocaust, World War II, war crimes, law, justice.

Abstract: In the midst of the Second World War, the Allies acknowledged Germany's ongoing programme of extermination. *In the Shadow of the Holocaust* examines the struggle to attain post-war justice and prosecution. Focusing on Poland's engagement with the United Nations War Crimes Commission, it analyses the different ways that the Polish Government in Exile (based in London from 1940) agitated for an Allied response to German atrocities. The book shows that jurists associated with the Government in Exile made significant contributions to legal debates on war crimes and, along with others, paid attention to German crimes against Jews. By exploring the relationship between the UNWCC and the Polish War Crimes Office under the authority of the Polish Government in Exile and later, from the summer of 1945, the Polish Government in Warsaw, the book provides a new lens through which to examine the early stages of the Cold War.

Keywords: Zbigniew Joachimiak, daughter, home, poet/migrant, language barrier, returns, father and daughter relationship

https://www.amazon.com/Corka-Daughter-JOACHIMIAK-ZBIGNIEW/dp/8396202311/ref=sr_1_1?crid=20TO9JNFOKUCV&keywords=zbigniew+joachimiak&qid=1641233231&s=books&sprefix=zbigniew+j%2Cstripbooks%2C63&sr=1-1

https://www.taniaksiazka.pl/corka-daughter-zbigniew-joachimiak-p-1611892.html


Keywords: Auschwitz, Birkenau, Holocaust, Nazi policy and ideology, Oświęcim, Poland, World War II

Abstract: Auschwitz: History, Place and People. An Academic Guide to the Camp Complex provides the academic community, educators, and the general public with a collection of succinct texts about important topics related to the Auschwitz camp complex. As the title indicates, the book focuses on history, people, and place. It presents research conducted over recent decades by historians of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum, while at the same time demonstrating the importance of new historical studies and multidisciplinary contemporary approaches. Prepared with academically-oriented readers in mind, this book can also serve as a guide for Museum visitors who would like to take a deeper dive into topics covered by guided tours.

E-Book available from publio.pl (book sample with TOC available)

Book forthcoming from the Auschwitz-Birkenau bookstore

Source readers:


Keywords: Jewish history, communal life, Polish history, Eastern Europe

Abstract: This source-reader invites you to encounter the world of one thousand years of Jewish self-government in eastern Europe. It tells about the beginnings in the Middle Ages, delves into the unfolding of communal hierarchies and supra-communal representation in the early modern period,
and reflects on the impact of the partitions of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and of growing state interference, as well as on the communist and post-communist periods. Translated into English from Hebrew, Latin, Yiddish, Polish, Russian, German, and other languages, in most cases for the first time, the sources illustrate communal life, the interdependence of civil and religious leadership, the impact of state legislation, Jewish-non-Jewish encounters, reform projects and political movements, but also Jewish resilience during the Holocaust.


Keywords: pogrom, 1905 Revolution, underworld, prostitution, Warsaw Jewry.

Abstract: In late May 1905, a wave of violence, known as the Pimp Pogrom, shook Warsaw. For several days, workers and artisans, mostly of Jewish origin, assaulted members of the local underworld – pimps, thieves, swindlers, and profiteers – and ransacked establishments associated with the criminal circles and/or commercial sex – cafés, inns, brothels, and private apartments. This source volume situates these events in various contexts (of the Revolution of 1905, prostitution, criminality and the underworld, and the labor movement), presenting the reader with a comprehensive picture of the 1905 riots in Warsaw.

The source reader consists of Introduction by Aleksandra Jakubczak, reprinted Polish press articles and translations into Polish from Yiddish, Hebrew, Russian, English, and French sources (from the daily press, police reports, diplomatic correspondence, to memoirs). The textual materials are accompanied by visual representations of the events (postcards and photographs) and a map.

The book is the third volume of the Series *Źródła do dziejów Żydów na ziemiach Polskich w XIX i XX wieku* (do 1939), sponsored by the POLIN Museum and the History Department, the University of Warsaw.


**Article:**


Keywords: Bureaucracy, EU structural funds, local government, Poland, state capacity

Abstract: Does EU funding improve local state capacity? We focus on two specific types of state capacity, namely (a) the ability to provide information to third parties and (b) to discriminate between different kinds of inquiries. Because the EU’s structural funds are distributed through a competitive mechanism and incentivize expansions in administrative personnel, our theory predicts that high
levels of EU funding bring about a higher bureaucratic capacity equilibrium. Empirically, we analyze the effect of structural funds on local government capacity in the largest recipient country: post-communist Poland. Through a randomized survey with more than 2400 municipal administrations, we find that administrations that have benefited more from EU funding, have developed higher levels of discrimination capacity. Yet we find no evidence for higher information provision capacity.

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