

# THE 2004-2005 POST-KOSCIUSZKO CHAIR REPORT

## Activities of Dr. Marek Jan Chodakiewicz

From the Fall 2004 through the Summer 2005, Dr. Marek Jan Chodakiewicz, Research Professor of History, Academic Affairs Chairman, and Faculty Vice Chairman at the Institute of World Politics: A Graduate School of Statecraft and National Security in Washington, DC [www.iwp.edu](http://www.iwp.edu) conducted the following seminar-style directed studies at IWP: on "The European Union," which included not only Poland's accession but also her past; on "The Ottoman Empire," which focused on the Balkans as well as the Sublime Porte's relations with the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth; and on "Western Civilization and Its Intellectual Tradition," which touched upon Poland's Renaissance thinkers.

Dr. Chodakiewicz further lectured on "Research, Methodology, and Writing." He also substituted in Professor Alberto Piedra's class on "Democracy Building and Foreign Policy: Political and Economic Principles of a Free Society" and "Western Moral Tradition and American Foreign Policy." Dr. Chodakiewicz also spoke on "Europe in the Wake of World War I" and "The Fall of Communism" in Professor John Tierney's "Peace, Strategy, and Conflict Resolution" and "Twentieth Century Politics and Diplomacy: Case Studies in War and Peace."

Dr. Chodakiewicz's trademark Geography and Strategy seminar demonstrated the permanent importance of geography and geopolitics on international affairs, national security, and human culture. Poland's history figures prominently throughout the course, including such disparate case studies as voting patterns, environmental protection, and urban warfare, the latter demonstrated by the story of the Warsaw Rising of 1944.

Because of the 60th Anniversary of the Varsovian Insurrection compounded by the stunning success of CNN's documentary "Warsaw Rising: Forgotten Soldiers of World War Two" (which would be nominated for an Emmy in 2005), Dr. Chodakiewicz was invited to lecture in several places in North America about the Polish experience during the Second World War. Lectures were arranged by Polonia and, in most places, were accompanied by the screening of the CNN documentary as well as unveiling of a photo exhibit commem-

orating the Rising. Last but not least, the most valuable internet support of the project was provided by Witold Kiezun of San Diego [www.warsawuprising.com](http://www.warsawuprising.com) ; [www.projectinposterum.com](http://www.projectinposterum.com).

Accordingly, on September 16, at the invitation of the Warsaw Committee of the Chicago Sister Cities International Program and the Polish Home Army (Armia Krajowa) Veterans Association, at the Preston Bradley Hall, Chicago Cultural Center, as one of several featured speakers during a gala event, Dr. Chodakiewicz delivered a speech to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the flight of the 8th US Air Force 100th Bomb Group's flight to Warsaw with military assistance to the Polish insurgency. The title of the speech was "Freedom Does Not Come Free." Many thanks to the event organizers, including John Kordek, Sandra Pikarski, Kate Heilman, and Paweł Chudzicki. On September 18, Dr. Chodakiewicz lectured about the Warsaw Rising at the Polonia Bookstore at the kind invitation of the owner, Mrs. Mira Pułaczowa. We would also like to thank Andrzej Czuma and Roman and Basia Cooper for their hospitality.

On October 2 and 3 he was in Seattle, speaking about the Warsaw Rising first at the Seattle Public Library and then at the University of Washington. The organizers of the event from the Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, UW ([www.polishstudiesuw.org](http://www.polishstudiesuw.org)) and the Polish House (Dom Polski) of Seattle, including Tom Podl, in particular, were fantastic hosts. From October 22 through 24, Dr. Chodakiewicz lectured on the Varsovian Insurrection of 1944 at, respectively, St. Paul University in Ottawa, at the Wanda Stachniewicz Polish Library by McGill University in Montreal, and at the Polish Embassy there. We would like to thank cordially our guide, host, and organizer, Dr. Alex M. Jabłoński, as well as the Canadian-Polish Congress, the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in Canada, and the Polish Embassy.

On October 30 and 31, Dr. Chodakiewicz sojourned in Los Angeles, where, at the invitation of Loyola Marymount University and the Polish Consulate, he delivered two speeches on the Rising at LMU. Many thanks to Council General Krystyna Tokarska-Biernacik and Miss Paulina Kapuścińska for coordinating the event.

Last but not least, between November 14 and 24, Dr. Chodakiewicz visited Poland. Among other things, he participated in a panel debate on current Polish issues on TV-Polsat, talked about Poland as an ally of the United States at the Respublica student fraternity headquarters; spoke on economic freedom in America before the members of the conservative-libertarian "Koliber" youth society; and lectured about the polycentric nature of the American political system at the Collegium Civitas. He also took part in several cultural, social, political, and economic events and functions. Thanks are due to Professor Wojciech Roszkowski, Wojciech Reszczyński, Jan Pospieszalski, Sebastian Bojemski, Paweł Toba, Piotr Gontarczyk, Wojciech Jerzy Muszyński, the Chodakiewicz family, and others for organizing the trip.

In late December 2004 and early January 2005, Dr. Chodakiewicz visited friends and benefactors of Polish studies, in particular, and the Institute of World Politics, in general, in Florida and Ohio. Dr. John Lenczowski participated in the latter venture. In February, similar trips were made to Alabama and, once again, Florida. We would like to thank Gene Bak and Pat and Ron Trzcinski for their hospitality in Ohio, Iwo and Magdalena Pogonowski and Zenon and Wanda Woź in Florida, and Dr. Peter and Erin Penhersh in Alabama.

During the Spring 2005 Semester, Dr. John Lenczowski and Dr. Chodakiewicz co-taught a course on "Russian Politics and Foreign Policy," as well as held his seminar of "Geography and Strategy." The subject matter was considered with Poland's history and current affairs, the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and "Solidarity" in particular. In addition, Dr. Chodakiewicz guest-lectured on "Just War" in Professor Piedra's class. Further, Dr. Chodakiewicz was busy with a multitude of administrative tasks in his capacity as the Academic Affairs Chairman and the Faculty Vice-Chairman.

Outside of his IWP duties, Dr. Chodakiewicz co-operated with CBS's Andy Rothstein in the production of History Channel's "Betrayal: The Battle for Warsaw," which is a new documentary on the Warsaw Rising set for September 25, 2005. Susan Werbe is the executive producer of the documentary for the History Channel. Next, Dr. Chodakiewicz assisted Wanda Urbanska in the

making of the Poland special installment of the PBS hit series (now in its second season) of "Simple Living with Wanda" [www.simplelivingtv.net](http://www.simplelivingtv.net) The segment includes interviews with the Mayor of Warsaw, historians Norman Davies and Richard Lukas, authors Stanley Cloud and Lynne Olsen; and a cameo appearance by Lady Blanka Rosenstiel as well as footage from the Polonaise Ball in Miami, Florida. The segment is scheduled to air on PBS/WETA TV on October 16, 2005. The producer is the daughter of the late Professor Edmund S. Urbanski (1909-1996), a renowned scholar of Latin America.

During the summer Dr. Chodakiewicz attended a number of conferences and traveled extensively. On June 3-4, 2005, he participated in the 63 Annual Meeting of the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences of America, at the University of Pittsburgh, and delivered a paper on "A Critical Assessment of Professor Marian Kamil Dziewanowski's The Communist Party of Poland: An Outline of History," ([http://www.iwp.edu/news/newsID.186/news\\_detail.asp](http://www.iwp.edu/news/newsID.186/news_detail.asp)) written for the panel on "Marian Kamil Dziewanowski (1913-2005): A Tribute to a Prominent Historian of Poland and Eastern Europe."

Between June 11 and 24, a team from IWP, consisting of Professor Herbert Romerstein, our graduate student and assistant Brian Newsome, and Dr. Chodakiewicz took a whirlwind tour of Poland. He participated in conferences, lectured several times, and attended a plethora of formal functions and informal events. He took part in the three-day long Institute of National Remembrance's conference on "The Communist Repression Apparatus in East Central Europe" in Warsaw.

Next, he lectured at the School of Management of the University of Warsaw [www.wz.uw.edu.pl](http://www.wz.uw.edu.pl). Brian Newsome spoke about "Management and Counterintelligence in a Democratic Society," and Dr. Chodakiewicz about "Economic Policy of the United States: Management, Mechanisms, and Functions." He would like to thank the organizer, Micha<sup>3</sup> Mitera, and his family for their hospitality. Later, at the Respublica student fraternity (K! Respublica), upon his induction as fraternal brother honoris causa, Dr. Chodakiewicz lectured about the virtues and ways of Poland's pre-war elite. Further, he traveled to Radzyń Lubelski for a regional conference on Polish-American relations. During the conference, Professor Romerstein spoke about Polish-Communist activities in the United States, Brian Newsome focused on the problem of es-

tablishing viable intelligence operations in a democratic society, and Dr. Chodakiewicz concentrated on the question of "Openness Means Liberty: The Need to Democratize Power." The event was sponsored by the weekly Wspólnota Powiatowa (The County Community) and the State Archive in Radzyń. He would like to thank all organizers, Dr. Dariusz Magier in particular. He then headed to a conference set up by the Department of Sociology of the Nicolaus Copernicus University of Toruń (NCU) on "Communism, Intelligence Services, Democracy." This day long event was held entirely in English and was ably moderated by its leading light, Professor Andrzej Zybortowicz, who also delivered a paper on "Intelligence Services in Post-Communist Countries: Can an Enclave Capture a State?" Other papers concerned "Early Attempts at Accountability of Intelligence Services in Poland: Common Project of the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights (Warsaw) and the Center for National Security Studies" (ABD Dorota Rowicka, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Warsaw); "The Same Pattern? Polish 1992 and 2005 Lustration Debates Compared" (Dr. Radoslaw Sojak, Institute of Sociology, NCU); "The KGB and Polish-American Communists: The Soviet Use of American Communists of Polish Origin in Espionage, Subversion, and Propaganda, 1939-1989" (Professor Romerstein, IWP); and "America's Perceptions of Poland: The Case of the Lustracja" (Dr. Chodakiewicz). He would like to thank all participants and organizers for their kindness and hospitality.

Next, in Gdańsk, at an event on "Poland and America," sponsored by a group of city councilmen, Professor Romerstein and Dr. Chodakiewicz participated in a debate on "Communists, Terrorists, and Other Threats to Poland and the United States." Last but not least, he participated in a panel debate in Warsaw on "History and Politics: Foreign Models and the Polish Perspective." Held at the Sejm (the House of Parliament), the symposium, under the sponsorship of the Deputy Speaker of the House Kazimierz Ujazdowski, was organized by the Conservative Center and the Society of Civic Liberties. The participants included Professor Andrzej Nowak, Dr. Antoni Dudek, Dr. Rafa<sup>3</sup> Matyja, Tomasz Merta, Sebastian Bojemski, and two IWP scholars. Professor Romerstein lectured on "Polish Communists in America: Espionage, Subversion, and Propaganda," and Dr. Chodakiewicz on "History and Memory: Toward a Grass-roots Mobilization and a Friendly State."

Throughout the trip, he held informal meetings with politicians, journalists, and scholars not only in the places listed above but also in Malbork, Frombork, and Poznań, where Dr. Chodakiewicz talked about "Poland's Security Question: How to Make Friends in America."

Upon his return to IWP, he participated in the conference on "Is the European Union in the Interest of the United States of America?" The event was sponsored by the Heritage Foundation, Hudson Institute, Discovery Institute, and Global Britain and took place on June 28 in Washington, DC. Dr. Chodakiewicz spoke on "East Goes West: The EU and Poland."

In early July, Dr. Chodakiewicz returned to Europe for a week. He flew to Denmark, where, among other things, he conducted interviews about the Communist secret police and surveyed the nation's mood regarding Islamic extremist terrorism and the Muslim immigrant community in and out of Copenhagen. A report on this trip, "A Danish Week," will be posted soon on the IWP web site. Likewise, the report of his visit to Indonesia in August will be posted there.

Between July 15 and 31 and August 15 and 30, Dr. Chodakiewicz drove over 8,000 miles around the US, fundraising and informing friends, family, benefactors, and supporters of the Koęcieszko Chair about our plans for the future. He would like to thank Mrs. and Mrs. Christopher Smiekel, Mrs. Molly Ulam, Dr. Gunther Stent, Dr. Stanley Garstka, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Zakrzewski, Mr. and Mrs. Jan Ma<sup>3</sup>ek, Dr. and Mrs. Marek Kamiński, and many others for their kindness and hospitality along the way.

As for other accomplishments of Polish studies at IWP, he also hosted Ted Mirecki and the participants of the Polish-American Youth Leadership Conference. These high school and college students listened to lectures on leadership by IWP Professors, Dr. John Lenczowski and Dr. J. Michael Waller. Further, during the summer he hosted the first Polish post-doctoral fellow, Dr. Piotr Gontarczyk at IWP. Dr. Gontarczyk specializes in modern history of Poland, the Communist movement in particular.

Dr. Chodakiewicz has not only maintained a web-site with essays on Poland, but has prepared a daily batch of news on Poland and related topics. The mailing is sent out to IWP students and any friends, associates, and supporters who request so.

These many accomplishments in the field of Polish studies would not be possible without the academic and administrative support of the Institute of World Politics. The wholehearted support of the faculty is particularly strong because of a substan-

tial Polish-American presence there. In addition to Professor John Lenczowski, the President of IWP, and Professor Mark Lagon-Przybyszewski, the school has acquired two renowned Polish-American scholars: General Walter Jajko (USAF) and Dr. David Klocek.

IWP boasts of excellent faculty, superior staff, and impressive students. However, we would not be complete without our fantastic supporters. Take one of them. Mrs. Bożenna Urbanowicz Gilbride has donated funds to sustain a summer intern and to allow two IWP scholars and a student to travel for a series of conferences in Poland. When she was a little girl in war-time Poland, Mrs. Gilbride and her family barely escaped ethnic cleansing by Ukrainian nationalists in Volhynia only to be captured by the Germans, who shipped them off to slave labor in the Reich. She was abused and beaten, as she worked in tough conditions under the Nazi whip. After the Second World War, Mrs. Gilbride refused to return to Soviet-occupied Poland and emigrated to the United States. She volunteered to donate the compensation check which she received from the government of Germany. "Make sure you use it for the fight for the truth," she said. We shall make it so.

Other outstanding individuals have donated to this year's IWP summer program in Polish studies as well. They include another slave laborer of the Third Reich, Lady Blanka Rosenstiel, RAF Polish Wing 304 Bomber Squadron navigator Richard Z. Zakrzewski, and anti-Nazi and anti-Communist resistance heroes and Nazi concentration camp survivors Pawel Woœ, his wife Wanda, and his sister Wanda Lorenz. For their assistance in saving Jews during the Second World War, Mr. Woœ and his family have been recognized as Righteous Gentiles by Israel's Yad Vashem. Grateful thanks also to Mr. and Mrs. John Ma³ek of California and Louis Dejoy of North Carolina for their continuous support of IWP.

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