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**Dear Sir or Madam**

The Kielce branch of the Institute of National Remembrance, School of Economics, Law and Medical Sciences in Kielce and Vinnitsa Cooperative Institute cordially invite you to participate in international scientific conference entitled:

**“Crimes of the judiciary in 1944-1989. Conformity**

**or moral relativism of the legal environment?"**

**Kielce, 14-15 March 2019**

**School of Economics, Law and Medical Sciences in Kielce, main audytorium**

The conference's objectives are centred around the exchange of views, opinions and experiences of academia and of the judiciary. The organisers would wish that the main subject of the presentations would be the analysis and the widening of knowledge about the judicial bodies of the People's Republic of Poland, its legal system as well as the tasks and role played in the policy of strengthening the communist system. In addition, the characteristics of the existing scientific achievements, as well as the indication or verification of available sources concerning the judiciary in the context of the so-called "court crimes" in the years 1944-1989. It will also be important to show the involvement of state authorities in the elimination of independent organizations and the presentation of individual attitudes of judges, prosecutors, lawyers and representatives of People's Republic of Poland government, also in regional aspects. An added value will be the sketching of new research areas related to this subject. We hope that the issues we will raise at the conference will meet with your interest.

**Thematic areas:**

**In particular we are interested in the following issues:**

* **legal issues of „average people” in the Polish People’s Rupublic. Case study**
* **aspects of blatant law abuse by the state in the so-called economic trials**
* **cooperation between the justice and power enforcement institutions of the so-called People's democracy in combating political opponents**
* **instrumentalisation of law in the communist system**
* **sources of judicial power in a totalitarian state**
* **the system of the general judiciary and the military judiciary in the People's Republic of Poland**
* **criminal liability of judges and prosecutors for court crimes**
* **written sources about the history of the judiciary in the years 1944-1989**
* **state of research on the history of the judiciary, prosecutors, attorneys in the years 1944-1989**
* **individual attitudes of the judiciary to the conduct of proceedings**
* **case studies of selected cases**
* **role of government bodies in the formulation of procedural documents, which were the basis of court proceedings**
* **the justice system in postwar propaganda**

**Conference date:** 14-15 March 2019

**Organizers:** Kielce branch of the Institute of National Remembrance; Faculty of Law of the School of Economics, Law and Medical Sciences in Kielce

Co-organizer: Vinnitsa Cooperative Institute

**Venue:** School of Economics, Law and Medical Sciences in Kielce, ul. Jagiellońska 109a,

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**Board of the conference:**

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• School of Economics, Law and Medical Sciences in Kielce - prof. Dr. hab. Aleksander Lichorowicz

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Participation in the conference is free of charge.

Catering will be provided for conference participants.

Please send your application with the subject of the speech and abstract to the following address: Faculty of Law, College of Economics, Law and Medical Sciences in Kielce ul. Jagiellońska 109 A, 25-734 Kielce, Tel. / 0-41 / 345 13 13, darek.palacz@wp.pl

The deadline for registration for the conference, along with the presentation of the paper title and abstract, is **30 November 2018**.

The organizers will publish a book based on the conference materials, which will appear in print before the end of 2019. Therefore, we would like to ask you to send the texts for publication, in Polish, together with the results of the discussions to our secretaries, by

**30 April 2019**. Any materials received after this date will not be published.

**Organizers reserve the right to select submissions and texts for printing.**