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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:

**"Police formations in Poland as compared to other European law enforcement services over the last 100 years".**

**Kielce, 31May 2021**

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

The conference's objectives are centred around the exchange of views, opinions and experiences of academia and of the European law enforcement agencies. The organisers expect that the main subject of the speeches will be the analysis and broadening of knowledge about public order bodies, cooperation with the institutions of the justice system, the legal systems in force and the tasks and role played in the policy of strengthening the communist system, as well as the presentation of individual attitudes of the representatives of the communist authorities, also in regional aspects. In addition, the characteristics of the existing scientific achievements, as well as the indication or verification of available sources concerning the dependence of police authorities on the legal and constitutional model of the state and the ideological indoctrination of police officers. It will also be important to show the use of police authorities to eliminate from public life individuals and organisations which oppose the imposition of undemocratic political solutions on society. An added value will be to outline new research areas concerning this subject.

We hope that the issues we will raise at the conference will meet with your interest.

**Thematic areas:**

1. **State Police (short: SP) in the years 1919–1939**
* Vocational preparation and training system in SP
* Social and national origin of SP officers
* Biographies of SP officers of particular merit for this formation
* The role of the SP in shaping the new state and ensuring the safety of the citizens of the Republic of Poland in the light of generally applicable laws
* SP officers as victims of Stalinist crimes
* Repressions against PP officers and their families in the People's Republic of Poland
* The state of citizens’ security and the level of confidence in the activities of the SP

**II. Police formations during World War II in the occupied Polish territory**

1. Poles in uniformed services of other countries – Polish Police of the General Government "Blue Police", "Criminal Police

* Between 'collaboration' and serving the public
* Participation of " blue" officers in underground state structures and other partisan formations
* The scale of dishonouring of the SP officer's ethos (common crime, collaboration with the occupant, participation in the extermination of society)
* “Blue Police” in post-war propaganda

2. State Security Corps 1939-1945. Structures, people, tasks

**III. Police authorities in a country dominated by communists. Citizens' Militia and its individual formations in 1945-1990**

* Analysis of legal acts constituting the functioning of the CM
* Vocational preparation and training system in CM
* Political indoctrination in the ranks of the Civic Militia in the People's Republic of Poland, goals, tasks, forms, effects, consequences
* Composition, social and organisational background of CM officers
* CM, ORMO, ZOMO - formations serving the society or those in power?
* Case study of selected issues of particular importance for building the image of the CM in the eyes of society
* Trade Union of Citizens' Militia Officers

**IV. Police from 1990 to 2020**

* Work or service - legal aspects of police operation
* Equipment and use of new technologies by the Police
* Changes in crime fighting tactics and techniques
* From commander to manager, changes in the way the police unit is managed
* The state of security of citizens and the level of trust in the activities of the Police
* The social activity of police officers outside the service during the research period in question.
* International Police Association (IPA) Poland
* Trade Union of the Police, legal and social aspects

**Topics for foreign speakers**

* Transformation of police authorities in selected European countries
* Legal and constitutional models of functioning of police authorities in the selected country
* Ideologisation and political indoctrination of police authorities
* Use of officers to fight the public and dissidents who oppose the undemocratic behaviour of a country's authorities
* Police officers as victims of the communist authorities
* Problems of accountment in police formations in periods of legal and political transformation

**Conference date:** 31 May 2021

Depending on the number of applications submitted, it is possible to organise a two-day conference, i.e. 31 May - 1 June 2021.

**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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**Participation in the conference is free of charge.**

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The deadline for registration for the conference, along with the presentation of the paper title and abstract, is **28 February 2021**.

The organizers will publish a book based on the conference materials, which will appear in print. 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 **31 June 2021**. Any materials received after this date will not be published in the book.

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