



## **BEST BOOK AWARD**

### **Call for Nominations**

The Polish Memory Studies Group, a regional group of the Memory Studies Association, invites nominations for an award for the best scholarly **book** in memory studies **published in 2024 or 2025**.

#### **Winners of previous editions**

##### **2019**

Małgorzata Praczyk for the book „Pamięć środowiskowa we wspomnieniach osadników Ziemi Odzyskanych”, published by Institute of History of Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań

##### **2020**

Patrycja Trzeszczyńska for the book „Diaspora-pamięć-miejsce. Ukraińcy z Polski z lat 80. XX wieku w Kanadzie. Studium Etnograficzne”, Jagiellonian University Publishing House.

##### **2022**

Łukasz Bukowiecki for the book „Muzea-preteksty. Niezrealizowane przedsięwzięcia muzealne wobec negatywnego dziedzictwa w Warszawie”, University of Warsaw Press.

##### **2024**

Jan Wasiewicz for the book „Wóz Drzymałów pod szwedzkim zaborem. Transdyscyplinarne badania pamięcioznawcze nad chłopskim dziedzictwem. Księgi wtóre”, published by the Institute for Book & Press Publishing (Pol. Instytut Wydawniczy Książka i Prasa)

**In this year's edition we would like to recognize peer-reviewed scientific monographs from 2024 and 2025.**

Eligible themes include, but are not limited to:

- Polish collective memory (e.g. state, regional, local, regional) and historical policy
- autobiographical memory, oral history;
- memories of ethnic, national and religious minorities in Poland or the historical Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth;
- memories of Polish diasporas; remembrance of Poland and/or the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth among other émigré groups.

Memory Studies is multidisciplinary enterprise, thus competition entries can be books in any scientific discipline and/or subdiscipline (e.g. anthropology, ethnology, psychology, cultural studies, sociology, literature, psychology, history, media, law and others) that deal with any aspect(s) of memory.

### **Conditions of participation in the competition:**

1. The text of the book must be submitted by email **by 30 April 2026** in **PDF format**. The file should contain information identifying the book, including ISBN number. In case of texts with multiple authors, a statement of consent to participate in the competition is required from all co-authors. A form for this purpose can be obtained from the competition secretary MA Bartosz Smoczyk by emailing him at [msapoland@gmail.com](mailto:msapoland@gmail.com); this should be signed, scanned and sent with the submission.
2. Eligible books must have been published **in Polish or English in 2024 or 2025**. The date of first publication of the text can be no earlier than 1 January 2024 and no later than 31 December 2025.
3. The submitted book deals with selected issues in the field of memory studies and concerns the memory or memories of or about persons and/or communities, territories, material or intangible culture, or other matters related to Poland or the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, in any historical period.
4. Edited volumes may not be submitted to the competition

The awarded monograph will be the basis for a discussion with the author's participation (on-site or remotely), which will take place during the 5th Polish Memory Studies Conference in November 2027 in Łódź.

**Entries of nominated books in PDF format, along with any additional information, should be sent by email to the competition secretary MA Bartosz Smoczyk at [msapoland@gmail.com](mailto:msapoland@gmail.com) no later than 30 April, 2026.**

**The results of the competition will be announced by the end of December 2026 at the latest.**

### **Organizers:**

Phd Kamilla Biskupska, University of Wrocław

Phd Bartłomiej Krzysztań, Institute of Political Studies Polish Academy of Science

Phd Anna Kurpiel, University of Wrocław

Phd Małgorzata Łukianow, University of Warsaw

MA Bartosz Smoczyk, Adam Mickiewicz University Poznań, Competition Secretary

# **POLISH MEMORY STUDIES GROUP, BEST BOOK AWARD**

## **COMPETITION REGULATIONS**

### **§ 1**

#### **GENERAL**

1. The organizer of the Competition is the Polish Memory Studies Group – a regional group Memory Studies Association (henceforth, "the Organizer").
2. The Competition will run from 01.02.2026 to 31.12.2026.

### **§ 2**

#### **CONDITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPETITION**

1. Any individual who:
  - a) is the author or co-author of the monography, published in Polish or English not earlier than 1 January 2024 and no later than 31 December 2025, and:
  - (b) has obtained the written consent of all co-authors (if any) to participate in the Competition
2. The condition for participation in the Competition is the cumulative fulfillment of the following requirements:
  - a) submission by email of the text of the book in PDF format by 30.04.2024 to the Competition secretary MA Bartosz Smoczyk, at the address [msapoland@gmail.com](mailto:msapoland@gmail.com)
  - b) inclusion of bibliographic data of the text: publishing house, ISBN number, if the submitted publishing file does not contain them,
  - (c) In the case of a text with multiple authors: sending a statement of consent to participate in the Competition from all co-authors, either with a handwritten signature and scanned or as a PDF file with an electronic/trusted signature.
3. Representatives of the Organizer and members of the jury may not submit books to the Competition.

### **§ 3**

#### **AWARDS**

1. The Organizer does not provide for any financial or in-kind awards.
2. The Organizer reserves the right to recognize one or more (joint) winner(s) of the competition
3. The Organizer reserves the right not to designate any winner of the competition.
4. The Organizer may award one or more Honorable Mentions in addition to, or in lieu of, the Competition's winner(s).
5. The awarded book(s) will be the basis for an online public discussion, which will take place during the 5th Polish Memory Studies Conference in November 2025 in Katowice.

### **§ 4**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION**

1. The results of the competition will be announced by 31.12.2026
2. In order to ensure the proper organization of the Competition, the Organizer shall convene an independent jury to select the best publication, using numerical (points-based) and descriptive ratings.
3. Any doubts regarding the rules of the Competition and/or the interpretation and provisions of these Regulations will be arbitrated by the Organizer.
4. The winner(s) will be notified by e-mail no later than 31.12.2026.
5. The jury's selection of the winner(s) and their selection processes are final and non-appealable.
6. The Organizer reserves the right to increase the composition of jury in the event of a large number of entries or a change of composition, for example in the event that one or more of the members opts out.

### **§ 5**

#### **PERSONAL DATA OF THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE COMPETITION**

1. A condition of participation in the Competition is the provision by all contest participants of real personal data, in particular: first name, surname, e-mail address.
2. By entering the Competition and accepting these terms and conditions, the Participant agrees to the processing of their personal data provided by him/her to the Organizer.
3. The Organizer informs about the voluntary provision of access to the content of personal data, their correction and control of their processing.

## § 6

### FINAL PROVISIONS

1. Participation in the contest entails acceptance of these Regulations.
2. Contact details will be processed for the purposes of the Competition, the selection of the winner and the announcement of the award. The personal data of the contest participants will be used in accordance with the conditions laid down by The General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of 27 April 2016 (consolidated text: Official Journal of the EU of 04.05.2016, L 119/1) and The Personal Data Protection Act of 10 May 2018 (consolidated text: Polish Journal of Laws [Dziennik Ustaw] of 2018 item 1000).
3. In matters not covered by the Regulations, the provisions of the Civil Code and the Act on the Protection of Personal Data will apply in particular.
4. The English version of these regulations is provided for information only. In case of any dispute, the Polish text of the Regulations is binding.