

Uncovering The Past Towards the Future, Uniting Experiences and Values.

Kurdistan in Western and Eastern Research Tradition.

24-26.10.2016

Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland

Collegium Maius, Jagiellońska Street 15,

Michał Bobrzyński Conference Hall, Kazimierz The Great Conference Hall

The conference will be held in memory of August Kościeszka-Żaba, the Polish-Russian diplomat and researcher and Mela Mahmud Bayazidi the Kurdish clergyman who according to Żaba “was his teacher and collaborator” in collecting, translating and commenting on Kurdish texts.

Monday, 24.10. 2016

8.30 -10.00 Registration of the participants

(at the entrance to Bobrzyński Conference Hall)

Michał Bobrzyński Conference Hall, Collegium Maius,

9.00-10.00 Opening of the conference with the participation of:

Prof. Dorota Szumska, The Vice-Dean of The Faculty of Philology of Jagiellonian University

Prof. Barbara Michalak-Pikulska, The Director of the Institute of Oriental Studies

Mr Ziyad Raof, The Representative of The Kurdistan Regional Government to Poland

10.00 – 10.30 Coffee Break

10.30-12.30 August Kościeszka Żaba, Mela Mahmud Bayazîdî and their epoch, part I, in English, chair: Joanna Bocheńska

Michiel Leezenberg (University of Amsterdam), *Native scholar or native informant? Bayazidi, Jaba and the creation of orientalist knowledge*

Denis Volkov, (Sorbonne Nouvelle Paris 3, CNRS) *Russian Orientalism, Kurdish Studies and (Anti-)Colonialism*

Kirill Vertiayev, (Russian Academy of Science), *Kurdish politics of Russian Empire (1721-1917): an overview based on available Russian archive records*

Salih Akin, (University of Rouen), *August Kościeszka-Jaba and the emergence of the lexicography of Kurdish*

13.00-14.00 Lunch break

14.00 – 16.00 Kurdistan Between Conflicts and Will for Stability: Kurdish Struggles for Independence, in English, chair: Hashem Ahmedzadeh

Michael Eppel, (University of Haifa and Oranim College of Education), *Big state, small state or autonomous self-governing regions – Kurdish dilemmas in historical and contemporary perspectives*

Ofra Bengio, (Moshe Dayan Center/Israel), *The Kurds: Proxies forever?*

Martin Riegl, (FSS Charles University in Prague), *KR´s quest for independent statehood: trapped in internal and geopolitical rivalries*

Yasin Sunca, *Stat(Us)e-Less Diplomacy of the Kurds*

Seevan Saeed (Independent Researcher), *Kurdish National Movement in the North: From State Building to the Nation Building*

16.00-16.30 Coffee break

Kazimierz The Great Conference Hall, Collegium Maius

14.00 – 16.00 August Kościeszka Żaba, Mela Mahmud Bayazîdî and their epoch, part 2, in Kurdish, chair: Michiel Leezenberg

Aram Ali Mustafa (University of Sulaimani), *August Kościeszka-Żaba (Alexander Jaba) and the Rise of Kurdology in Russia: A Necessity or Coincidence?*

Phreset Rosbeiani, (Salahaddin University), *Helmuth von Moltke discovers Kurdistan*

Qader Mohamed Hassan, (Salahaddin University), *Kurds in the Islamic political development from the standpoint of Basil Nikitin*

16.00-16.30 Coffee break

16.30-18.30 Kurdistan Between Conflicts and Will for Stability: Prospects of Development, in English, chair: Renata Kurpiewska-Korbut

Peshewa Abdulkhaliq Muhammed (University of Suleymani), *Iraqi Kurdistan and its changing Region*

Ali Tawfiq Hassan (Salahaddin University) and Namam Salih (Libre de Bruxelles Universite-ULB-Brussels, Soran University), *Perspectives about Iraqi-Kurdistan, Economic Stability and Political Challenges*

Lana Askari (University of Manchester), *Imagining Future: A Visual Ethnography of Planning, Infrastructure and the State in Iraqi Kurdistan*

Anne Sofie Schøtt, (University of Copenhagen), *The reaction of Kurdish diaspora to the declaration of the autonomous Kurdish region in Syria*

Ferda Fahrioğlu Akin, *Middle-Range Leadership During Peace-Building: The Case of 'Academics for Peace' Initiative in Turkey*

Tuesday, 25.10.2016,

Michał Bobrzyński Conference Hall

9.00 -11.00 Kurdish Cultural Heritage, Practice and Projects, English/Kurdish, chair: Michiel Leezenberg

Kawa Morad, (University of Exeter), *Performing Statehood: Heritage and Cultural Practices in Iraqi Kurdistan*, in English

Mustafa Saglam, *The Influence of the Cinema Media and Videos in Context of Basur-Rojava-Bakur Syrie-Irak-Turquie Conflicts About the Kurdish Identity's Representation*, in Kurdish

Osman Ahmed, (University of Sulaimani), *Continuity of the Kurdish Genocide: An Artist's Account*, Kurdish/English

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break

11.30-13.30 Victims, Fighters and Activists. Reshaping the situation of Kurdish Women, English/Kurdish, chair: Beata Kowalska

Nazand Begikhani, (University of Bristol) *Government and NGO Responses to Gender-Based Violence in Iraqi Kurdistan*

Lucie Drechselová, (Charles University (Prague), EHESS (Paris), *Kurdish Women's Movement in Turkey 2015-2016 –Shaping Priorities?*

Nisan Alıcı, (University of Kent-Brussels School of International Studies, Ankara University), *Political Background And Ideological References Of Kurdish Women Guerrilla Fighters*

Sarwar Abdulrahman Omer, (PAY Institute of Education and Development) *Yazidi Women as Prisoners, A Historical Study about Yazidi Women's Living Conditions under Rulings from Islamic States*, Kurdish/English

Kazimierz The Great Conference Hall

9.00-11.00 Refugees, migrants, travellers: different forms of migration and international networks of the Kurds, in English, chair: Konrad Pędziwiatr

Karol Kaczorowski (Jagiellonian University), *Between Thriving and Assimilation - new generation of Kurdish migrants in Istanbul*

Umut Kuruüzüm, (London School of Economics), *Between Today and Tomorrow: The Uncertain Work and Life of Kurdish-Turkish Migrant Steel Labourers in Iraqi Kurdistan*

Mustafa Polat, (Istanbul University), *Masculinity as the self politics: Kurdish Youngsters*

Kemal Kaya, (Yüzüncü Yıl University), *Testimonies in Southeast Turkey about the 1990s*

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 -13.30 Different aspects of studying and teaching the Kurdish language,
English/Kurdish, chair: Marcin Rzepka

Hoshang F. Jawad, (University of Suleymani): *Indifference or Inferiority? The Case of Language Corruption in Post-Uprising Iraqi Kurdistan*, in English

Resul Geyik (Mardin Artuklu University), Ibrahim Çapar (Dicle University), *The Use of Cultural Aspects in Kurdish Language Teaching: Northern Kurmanci Case (Turkey Case)*, English/Kurdish

Ibrahim Seydo Aydogan (INALCO): *Kurdish Alphabet: the Never Ending Dispute*

13.30-14.30 Lunch Break

Kazimierz The Great Conference Hall

14.30-16.30 Imagined, Real and Narrated: Kurdish Novels in Search for Values and Identity English/Kurdish, chair: Joanna Bocheńska

Hashem Ahmedzadeh, *Challenging The Patriarchal Values by The Kurdish Women Novelists*, in English

Ameen Abdulqader Omar, (University of Exeter), *Searching for Authentic Values in the Iraqi Kurdish Novel, 1970-2013 (Examining the Notion of Problematic Hero)*, in Kurdish

Ali Mustafa Karim, (Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research – Kurdistan), *Generational Conflict in the Question of the Conscience by Ahmad Mukhtar Jaf*, in Kurdish

Davut Yeşilmen, (University of Duisburg-Essen): *An Imaginary Binxet (Syrian Kurdistan) – Exile, Identity and Borders in The Works of Kurdish Novelists in the Time of Swedish Exile*, in Kurdish

16.30 - 17.00 Coffee Break

17.00-18.30 Imagined, Real and Narrated: Diverse Sources of Inspiration in Kurdish Literature, in Kurdish, chair: Hashem Ahmedzadeh

Ferzan Şêr (Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University), *Shadow Image in the Northern/Kurmanjî Literature*

Saadi Uthman Haruti, (Salahadden University), *Oral Literature As a Source For Writing the History of Kurdistan*

Azad Ubed, (Salahaddin University), *The History of Hataw Magazine in 1913-1914 and Making Correct Numbers of Them*, Kurdish/English

Wednesday, 26.10.2016

Kazimierz The Great Hall

10.00 – 11.30 Religion, Identity and Memory: Multireligious Context of Kurdistan Memory, part 1, in Kurdish, chair: Resul Geyik

Majid Khaleel Fattah, (University of Suleymani), *The Jews of Kurdistan in Orientalist's Perspective*

Jamal Fathullah, (Koya University), *The Relationship Between Muslims and Christians in Koya, 1918-1958*

Mohammed Ahmed Ibrahim Galalaye, (Soran University): *Amêdî City in the perspective of Christian Missionaries in the Nineteenth Century*

11.30 - 12.00 Coffee Break

12.00-14.00 Religion, Identity and Memory: Multireligious Context of Kurdistan Memory, part. 2, in English, chair: Mateusz Kłagisz

David Leupold (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin), *Remembering A Multireligious Past: Local Memory on the Fileh Among the Kurds of Gimgin and Gever*

Krzysztof Lalik (Jagiellonian University), *Ethnicity over religion? The ambiguous and multidimensional character of Kurdish-Assyrian relations in contemporary Iraqi Kurdistan*

Z. Asli Elitsoy (Bilkent University), *The Ethno-religious Kurdish Identity in Turkey: The case of Kurdish Hizbullah*

Edith Szanto, (American University of Suleymani), *Zoroaster was a Kurd!: On the Rise of Neo-Zoroastrianism in Contemporary Kurdistan*

Marcin Rzepka (Pontifical University of Jan Paul II), *Religion. Knowledge. Representation. The genesis of the Lutheran Orient Mission in Kurdistan*

14.00-15.00 Lunch Break

15.00 – 17.00 Religion, Identity and Memory, part 3: the Yezidis and the Ahle-Haqq

Chair: Marcin Rzepka

Sergiej Anoshko, (Cardinal Wyszyński University), *The Kurdish Identity, the Yezidi Identity: the Significance and Role of the Yezidis Religion in Kurdish Modern Society*

Artur Rodziewicz (Jagiellonian University), *Between Bagdad and Lalish. Sufi Theory of Love and the Yezidi Sacred Hymns*

Bartłomiej Krzysztań (University of Wrocław/Ilia State University, Tbilisi), Wiland Scheib (Caucasus University/Independent Researcher) *Ethnopolitical Creation of the Nation(al) Idea as a Result of Transferred Memories, Experience of Trauma and Deliberative Freedom. Examine (Three) Different Diaspora Practises of Yazidis*

Sholeh Paknejad Sahneh, (Azad Hamadan University), *Dunadun*

The conference is organised in the scope of the research project *How to make a voice audible? Continuity and change of Kurdish culture and social reality in postcolonial perspectives* (www.kurdishstudies.pl) financed by the Polish National Centre of Science.