Institute of Slavonic Studies
Jagiellonian University in Kraków

Nowy Sącz
District Museum

are pleased to invite you to

The 7th Galician Slavonic Studies Meeting

International Academic Conference entitled

Slavs and the Ottoman Empire
Conflicts, coexistences, and heritage

Nowy Sącz, the Galician Town, ul. Lwowska 226

24-26 June 2019

The theme of this year's conference resonates with the idea of viewing the history of Slavs from the perspective of their influence on and dependence from great political powers of Europe. Throughout centuries, large areas of Slavdom (and their populations) were – either permanently or temporarily – part of hegemonic states, characterized by extraordinary political, economic and military activity.
This time we would like to reflect upon the historical and cultural relations of Slavs with the Ottoman Empire. This state, built on the ruins of the Byzantine Empire, played a major role in the history of three continents for six centuries, with an especially strong impact not only on Slavonic nations inhabiting large part the Balkans, but also on those living in Central and Eastern Europe. The warlike character of the Empire along with its different religion were a source of constant fear among Europeans, which contributed to a number of political and military initiatives aimed at defending Europe against Islam or serving the noble cause of recovering territories lost by Christendom, along with the (often Slavonic) nations living in these lands. Yet, the history of Slavdom and the Ottoman Empire is not only marked by wars and religious conflicts. The state created by Turks was a mosaic of nations, religions and cultures, which not only fought but also co-existed with each other, respecting each other's language, religion and tradition. Cultural and religious differences clashed with the political economy, which often eased tensions, as its main goal was to maintain peace within the Empire and strengthen its economic potential.
This year's conference is open to researchers specialising in the history of Slavs as well as Turkey, with the aim of asking important questions related to its subject and answering them as thoroughly as possible during the sessions.

The organizers are planning to publish the papers in a separate volume of the periodical *Krakowsko-Wileńskie Studia Slawistyczne*. Hence, the papers must clearly correspond to the topic of the conference and the character of articles that have been published in the series. As this publishing series is devoted to the "Slavic antiquities", the authors of the papers are requested to focus on the times up to the late 19th century. The organisers will welcome papers from the field of philology and cultural studies which focus on topics clearly related to material and spiritual culture of Slavs living in the Ottoman Empire or in directly neighbouring areas.

Language of the Conference: any Slavonic language or English

Expected number of participants: 35

Papers: approximately 20 minutes in length

The conference fee is **PLN 400** (participants from Poland) or **€ 80** (participants from abroad).

The conference fee covers **full board** (two lunches, banquet, dinner), a **sightseeing tour** of the Nowy Sącz District Museum, a **coach trip**, and the possible **publication of the paper,** if accepted by the reviewers, in the periodical *Krakowsko-Wileńskie Studia Slawistyczne*.

Travel costs and accommodation in the Galician Town hotel (www.miasteczkogalicyjskie.pl) **must be covered by the participants themselves**. The organisers reserve the right to allocate participants to the hotel rooms and can provide help with the hotel reservation (until all available rooms are booked).

Accommodation cost in the Galician Town hotel:
single room (with breakfast) - PLN 145 per day
double room (with breakfast) - PLN 230 per day

Information on other accommodation options in Nowy Sącz is available online.
The Galician Town hotel complex is located about 4 kilometers from the city centre.

The completed application form must be submitted until **21 April 2019** to the following e-mail address:
konferencjaifs1@uj.edu.pl

Due to the **plenary character of the sessions** during the whole conference, the organisers reserve the right to select the submitted papers, primarily on the basis of their relevance to the topic of the conference.

Organisers:

on behalf of the Nowy Sącz District Museum

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