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We have now successfully completed **31 lectures** and we do hope that you have found them both interesting and informative. We should also like to take this opportunity to thank the lecturers for their time and expertise. **The next series of 9 lectures for Autumn 2023/Spring 2024 are now listed on the Eventbrite Website link below.**



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Dr Halik Kochanski



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Dr Paul Latawski



Mr Roger Moorhouse



Dr Andrzej Suchcitz

OUR NEW IPMH LECTURERS DURING THE 2021-2022 SERIES



From Left: Major General David Tadeusz Ząbecki, Professor Bolek Biskupski,
Mr Adam Zamoyski and Dr Franciszek Rozwadowski

Both General Ząbecki's and Professor Biskupski's lectures were specially arranged by IPMH for our participants from the US and therefore, the start time of these lectures was adjusted to 3:30 PM London and 10:30 AM US Eastern Standard Time. We are very grateful for the help and support given by **The Tadeusz Kościuszko Foundation** with whom we look forward to working again in the future.



From Left: Professor Robert Frost, Professor Richard Butterwick-Pawlikowski
and Professor Alexander Watson.

For our Autumn 2022 semester of the IPMH UK lectures we have introduced three new distinguished historians to IPMH UK: Professor Robert Frost, Professor Richard Butterwick Pawlikowski and Professor Alexander Watson.



Autumn 2023 & Spring 2024

Battle of Grunwald 21.10.2023 Professor Sven Ekdahl



Professor Sven Ekdahl from Sweden, studied at the universities of Gothenburg and Göttingen and has a doctorate in history from Åbo Akademi and the University of Gothenburg. In 2002, he was employed as a professor of medieval history at the Polish Scandinavian Research Institute in Copenhagen. His scientific achievements include over 170 publications, including several monographs. His research fascination is with the Great War and the Battle of Grunwald with several dozen dissertations to this period of European history. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/682651929297>

The Battle of Grunwald, was fought on 15 July 1410 during the Polish–Lithuanian–Teutonic War. The alliance of the Crown of the Kingdom of Poland and the Grand Duchy of Lithuania, led respectively by King Władysław II Jagiełło, and Grand Duke Vytautas, decisively defeated the German Teutonic Order, led by Grand Master Ulrich von Jungingen. Most of the Teutonic Order's leadership were killed or taken prisoner. The Polish–Lithuanian victory was absolute and decisive.

Poland on the cusp of the 19th Century - 28.10.2023 Professor Antony Polonsky



Antony Polonsky was born in Johannesburg, South Africa to Lithuanian Jewish immigrant parents who arrived in South Africa in the late 19th century. Polonsky was not raised in a Polish speaking background, and he has compared his childhood, growing up in South Africa, to the movie *The Help*, being brought up by African servants who had no political rights. As a student at the University of the Witwatersrand, Polonsky organised non-violent demonstrations against apartheid policies.

Emergence of nationalism, national & revolutionary socialism, failing relationships between 3 partitioning powers lead to independent Poland. Professor Antony Polonsky took Holocaust Studies at Brandeis University, he was a Rhodes Scholar in modern history. His doctoral thesis was a study of Józef Pilsudski's relationship with parliament entitled: *Politics in Independent Poland 1921-1939. The Crisis of Constitutional Government*

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The Polish January Uprising 1863 11.11.2023 Professor Andrzej Nowak



Professor Nowak is a professor at The Jagiellonian University and the institute of History of the Polish Academy of Sciences. He was the co founder and (1994–2012) chief editor of the conservative cultural political magazine *Arcana*. He has published over 40 books and more than 200 historical publications including several books about Polish Russian relations. Currently he is President of the Advisory Council of The Centre for Polish-Russian Dialogue and Understanding, and a member of the Council of Poland's Institute of National Remembrance. He has been invited to speak at prestigious universities all over the world. Andrzej Nowak is known for his monumental *History of Poland (Dzieje Polski)*. He has received several awards and honours, including the Order of the White Eagle, Poland's highest state distinction.

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Krakow in World War 1 - 18.11.2023, Professor Alexander Watson



WWI radically changed Krakow, bringing hunger, ethnic strife and pa the way to liberation from Austria and Polish Independence His first book, *Enduring the Great War; Combat, Morale and Collapse in the German armies (1914–1918)*, began as his doctoral thesis in October 2001. In August 2014, Watson's second book, *Ring of Steel: Germany and Austria-Hungary at War (1914–1918)* was published. To write the book, he spent two years researching archives in Poland, Germany, and Austria. On 23 March 2015 Watson was awarded the second annual 2014 Guggenheim-Lehrman Prize in Military History, and received \$50,000. *The Fortress: The Great Siege of Przemyśl*, Watson's most recent book, was released in October 2019. This is the story of the First World War's longest siege, and of the opening of the brutal tragedy which befell East-Central Europe during the twentieth century. Watson has written for *The New York Times*, *Times Higher Education*, and *History Today*.

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Masterclass in Operational Art: The battle of Warsaw, August - 1920

09.12.2023, Dr Paul Latawski



How Operational art impacted on the victory of the Battle of Warsaw ensuring the Rebirth of Poland.

A hard-fought battle, which took place in August 1920 near Warsaw and ended in a decisive Polish victory over the Red Army of Soviet Russia. Dr Paul Latawski, is a Senior Lecturer in the War Studies Department, Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. His area of interest covers Central and Eastern Europe. Current research interests include the Polish Armed Forces in the West during WWII, Polish resistance to occupation 1939-45, urban operations. He is writing a history of 1st Polish Armoured Division's operations in Normandy. Dr Latawski has been a long-standing lecturer and supporter of both Polish Heritage Society UK and the Institute of Polish Military History UK programmes.

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The Polish Air Force in the Battle of Britain - 27.01.2024,

Mr. Richard Kornicki OBE



303 Squadron shot down 126 German planes in the Battle of Britain. Nine of the Squadron's pilots were aces. Richard Kornicki is a retired Senior Civil Servant and worked for the Serious Organised Crime Agency, the Cabinet Office and the Department of Health. His final post in the Home Office was as Director of Serious Crime. He is Chairman of the Polish Air Force Memorial Committee, Secretary to the Friends of No. 11 Group Operations Rooms (the Battle of Britain Bunker), Trustee of the Captain Cook Memorial Museum, Whitby, Chairman of the Thomas More Legal Centre, and Hon. President 342 (Ealing and Brentford) Squadron ATC. He was made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 2000, and in 2011 he was awarded the Knight's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Polish Republic. In 2014 he was appointed Deputy Lieutenant of Greater London and currently reviewing the operation of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in Greater London.

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The Berling Army - 10th February 2024, Mr. Roger Moorhouse



An examination of the history of the Berling Army - one of the least known Polish military formations of World War Two. Roger Moorhouse is a British historian and author, specialising in Nazi Germany, Central Europe and World War Two in Europe. He graduated from The School of Slavonic and East European Studies (SSEES), University of London, and the Universities of Düsseldorf and Glasgow. Moorhouse was the co-author, with Professor Norman Davies, of "Microcosm: Portrait of a Central European City" in 2002, and has written a number of books, including 'Killing Hitler' (Cape, 2006), 'The Devils' Alliance' (Bodley Head, 2014) - on the subject of the Nazi-Soviet Pact and 'Berlin at War' (Basic Books, 2010).

Moorhouse's 'First to Fight: The Polish War 1939' on the German-Soviet invasion of Poland in September 1939, was widely acclaimed.

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Polish Soldiers and Civilians in Hungary 1939 – 1945 16th March 2024, Dr. Halik Kochanski



The sudden arrival in Hungary in Sept. 1939 of 100,000 Poles did not lead to a humanitarian crisis due to the generosity of the Hungarians. Kochanski was educated at Downside School and at Balliol College, Oxford, where she was awarded an M.A. in Modern History. She obtained her Ph.D. from King's College, London. She has taught history at King's College London and University College, London. She has written a number of historical articles and three books: *Sir Garnet Wolseley: Victorian Hero* (1999), *The Eagle Unbowed: Poland and the Poles in the Second World War* (2012) and *Resistance: The Underground War in Europe, 1939-1945* (2022). She is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, and a member of the Army Records Society, the Society for Army Historical Research, the British Commission for Military History and the Institute for Historical Research. As of 2012, she is a judge for the Templer Medal book prize

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Poles in Britain in WWII - 20th April 2024, Jennifer Grant



Jenny is currently a Postgraduate Researcher examining the Polish Armed Forces in the West. She has a long-standing interest in the field of Polish history as the granddaughter of 'Sybiracy' – those Poles who were deported to Siberian work camps by the Russian Army. She has presented a number of talks and lectures on the Polish experience of the Second World War. Her research topic - Coalition and Culture Shock: The Experience of the Polish Armed Forces in Britain, 1939.

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After Poland was invaded by Nazi Germany, thousands of Polish military personnel escaped to France, and later the UK, where they made an invaluable contribution in exile in the UK signed an agreement with the British Government to form an independent Polish Army, Air Force to the Allied war effort. In June 1940, the Polish Government and Navy in the UK, although they remained under British operational command. Polish ground forces fought in the North Africa campaign, the Italian campaign, the Normandy campaign following on from D Day and in the Battle for Berlin. Polish personnel served in all RAF commands and across all operational theatres and were some of the most experienced Allied pilots, having already fought in the 1939 campaign in Poland and the 1940 Battle of France.

Their contribution to the Battle of Britain was considered invaluable. 5% of the pilots involved in the Battle were Polish (145 in total), but were responsible for 12% of total victories, with 303 (Polish) Fighter Squadron recognised as the most successful of any Allied squadron. Twenty nine Polish pilots lost their lives during the Battle of Britain. Four Polish officers were awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Of the Polish contribution to the Battle of Britain, the then Commander in Chief of Fighter Command, Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding, went on to comment later:

Had it not been for the magnificent work of the Polish squadrons and their unsurpassed gallantry, I hesitate to say that the outcome of battle would have been the same.



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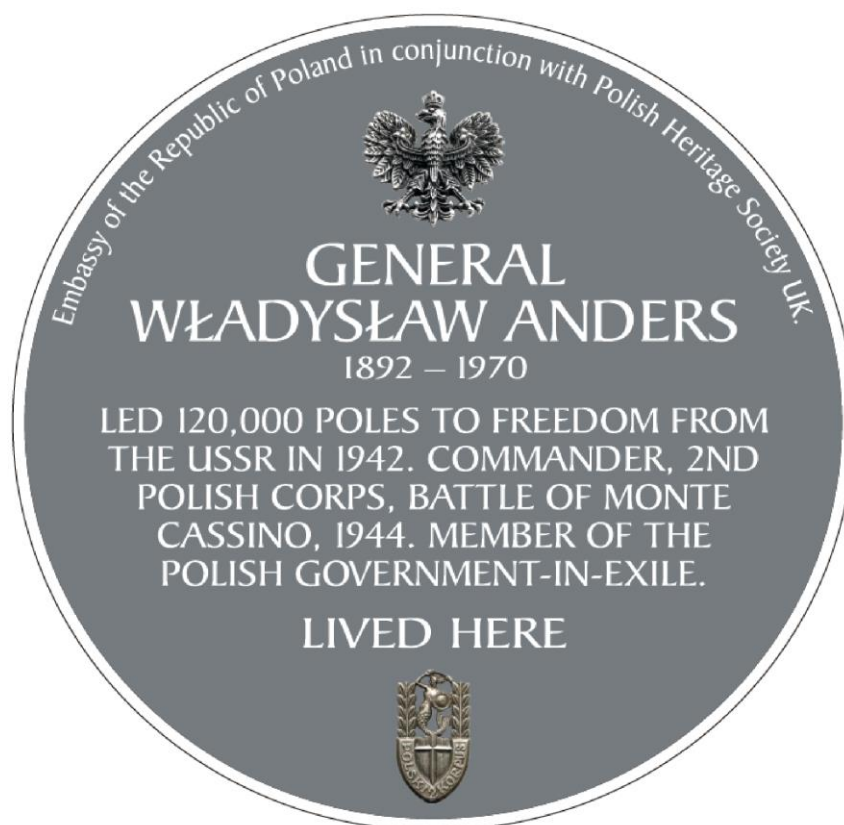
The II Corps in the Italian Campaign 1944-1945

Saturday 7th October 2023 at the Consulate of the Republic of Poland
10 Bouverie St, Temple, London EC4Y 8A

0900-1000	Registration/Coffee
1000-1030	Welcome by Dr Marek Stella-Sawicki MBE Ambassador/Consul General
1030-1130	Session 1 The Four Battles of Monte Cassino January-May 1944 – Dr. Christopher Mann, Department of War Studies, Royal Military Academy Sandhurst
1130-1230	Session 2 Supporting the Battle: The Engineering Challenges of Italy Major General John Drewienkiewicz (Retd)
1230-1330	Lunch
1330-1400	Session 3 The Ancona Operation of the Polish II Corps July 1944 Dr Andrzej Suchcitz, Keeper of Archives, Polish Institute and Sikorski Museum
1400-1500	Session 4 At the Top of Their Game: II Polish Corps and the Bologna Operation 9-21 April 1945 - Dr Paul Latawski, Department of War Studies, Royal Military Academy Sandhurst
1500-1530	Concluding Summary followed by Panel Discussion with Q and A Chair TBC Panel: Speakers

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LONDON, 25th June, 2021 – A plaque commemorating Polish World War II Hero General Władysław Anders was unveiled on Friday 25th June 2021 on his London home, where Prime Minister Winston Churchill visited him after the war. The inscription on the plaque, an initiative of the Polish Heritage Society (UK) and the Polish Embassy in the United Kingdom, records his extraordinary achievement of leading 120,000 Poles in an arduous journey from the Soviet Russia to freedom in 1942, as the head of what became later known as “Anders’ Army”. It also marks his role as commander of the 2nd Polish Corps, notably at the Battle of Monte Cassino in Italy in 1944.

