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**Poland's Place in Europe Over the Centuries 5 October 2024**

**Dr Andrzej Nowak**

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**Professor Andrzej Nowak 5 October 2024**  
**Poland's Place in Europe Over the Centuries**

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. Professor 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.



**Professor Andrzej Nowak**

**The Great Northern War 1700 -1721 19 October 2024**

**Dr Mindaugas Šapoka**

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**Dr Mindaugas Šapoka 19 October 2024**  
**The Great Northern War 1700 -1721**

Dr Šapoka works as a researcher at the Lithuanian Institute of History in Vilnius. He completed his bachelor's and master's degrees at Vilnius University, then a PhD in history at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland. This was followed by short research stints at Yale and the University of London. He specialises in early modern Eastern and Central Europe, with particular interest in Poland and Lithuania. The Great Northern War was a conflict in which a coalition led by the Tsardom of Russia successfully contested the supremacy of the Swedish Empire in Northern and Central Europe. His book when completed, will be the first synthetic assessment of the war. In this war, of key significance in the history of early-modern Europe, the supremacy of Sweden in the Baltic region was challenged by Russia, Denmark, Poland-Lithuania, and the German states of Saxony, Prussia, and Hanover. Dr Šapoka emphasizes the crucial role of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth in the war, which marks the decline of Sweden.



**Dr Mindaugas Šapoka**

**The Battle of Raclawice 26 October 2024**

**Dr Richard Butterwick Pawlikowski**

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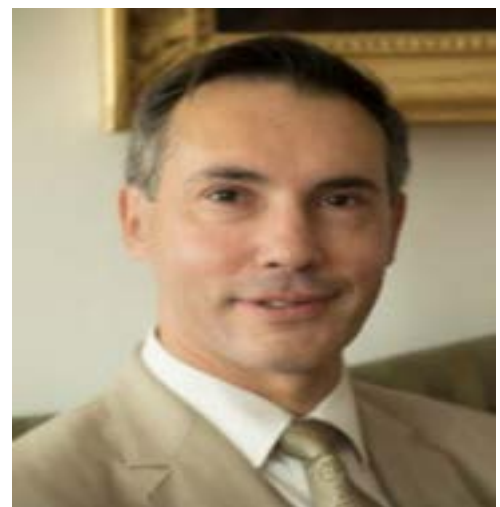


**Professor Richard Butterwick-Pawlikowski**

**26 October 2024**

**The Battle of Raclawice**

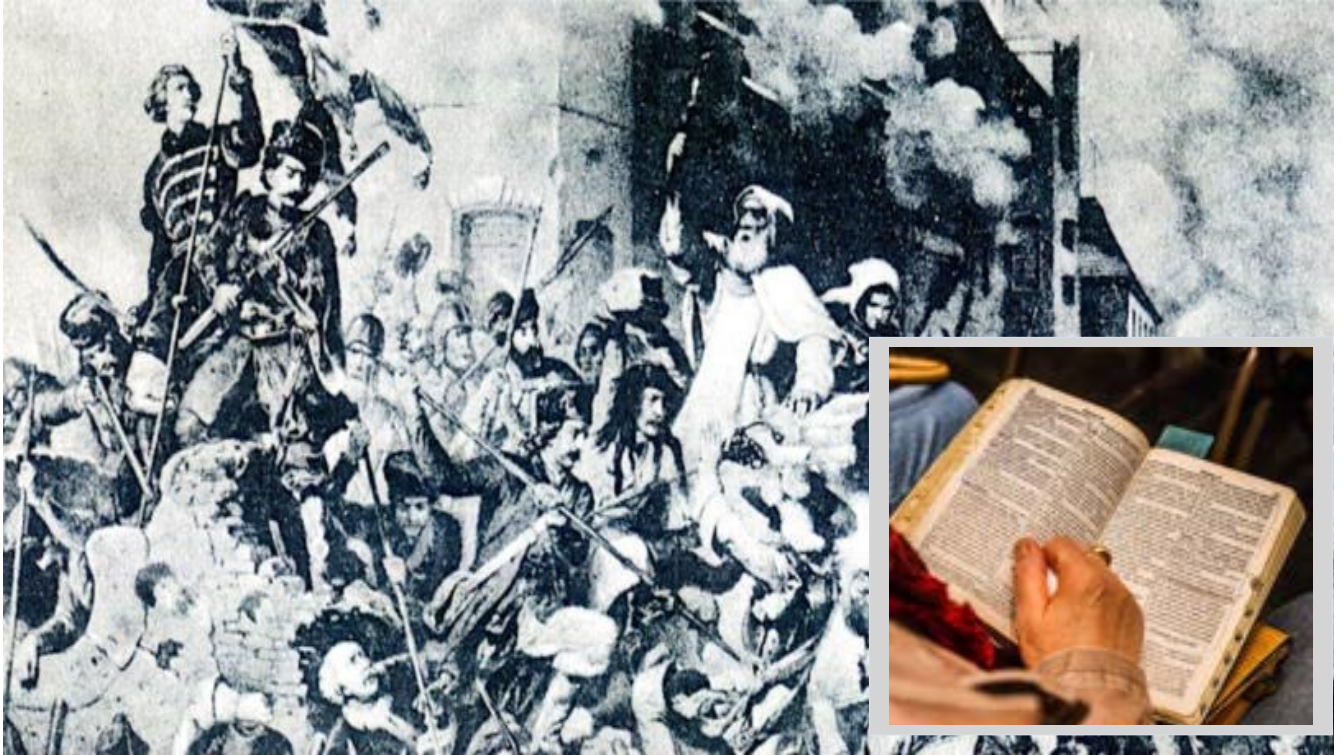
A DPhil in Modern History was awarded to Richard Butterwick-Pawlikowski in 1994 for a thesis '*Stanisław August Poniatowski, his Circle and English Political Culture*'. An expanded Polish edition appeared under the auspices of the Institute of Literary Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences in 2000. In 2014 he moved to Warsaw to take up the European Civilization Chair founded by the European Parliament at College of Europe in Natolin, while researching, teaching and supervising for UCL on a part-time basis. He gained the degree of habilitated doctor (DLitt.) from the Polish Academy of Sciences in 2016. In 2020, he returned full-time to UCL. In 2022 he became the Principal Historian of the new Polish History Museum in Warsaw.



**Professor Richard Butterwick Pawlikowski**

**The Place of War in Polish Literature** 9 November 2024  
**Professor Stanley Bill**

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**Professor Stanley Bill** 9 November 2024  
**The Place of War in Polish Literature**

Professor Stanley Bill works on twentieth-century Polish literature and culture, and on contemporary politics in Poland. He is the author of *Czesław Miłosz's Faith in the Flesh: Body, Belief, and Human Identity* (Oxford University Press, 2021), and co-editor of *The Routledge World Companion to Polish Literature* (2021) and *Multicultural Commonwealth: Poland-Lithuania and Its Afterlives* (Pittsburgh University Press, 2023). He has published articles on populism and civil society in Poland; the politics of the PiS-led Polish government (with Ben Stanley); postcolonial theory in the Polish context; legacies of Polish Romanticism; and the works of Czesław Miłosz, Bruno Schulz, and Fyodor Dostoevsky. He has published translations of Czesław Miłosz's novel *The Mountains of Parnassus* (Yale University Press, 2017) and a selection of short stories by Bruno Schulz entitled *Nocturnal Apparitions: Essential Stories* (London, 2022).



**Professor Stanley Bill**

**Polish Soldiers in the German Army in WW1** 16 November 2024

**Professor Alexander Watson**

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**Prof Alexander Watson** 16 November 2024  
**Polish Soldiers in The German Army during WW1**

Watson's 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 US \$50,000. The award is given to the best book in the field of military history published during the previous calendar year. *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.

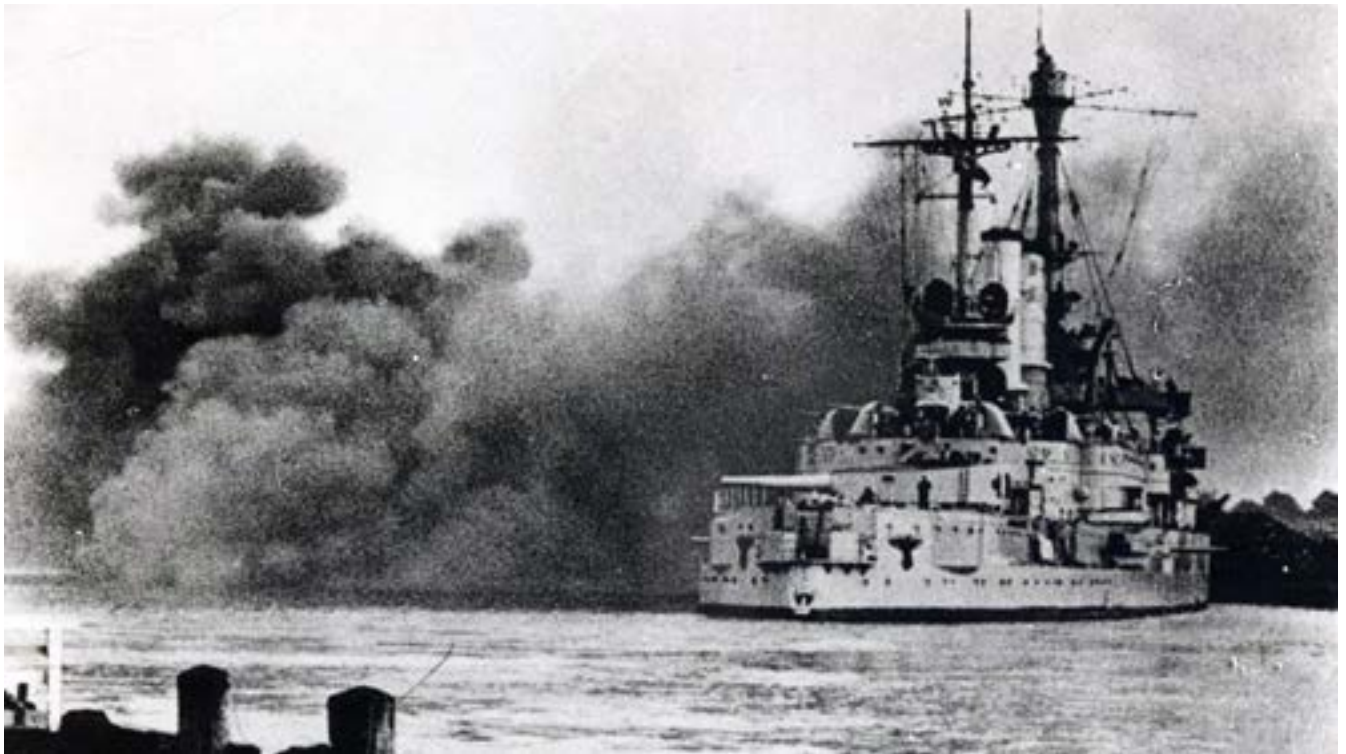


**Professor Alexander Watson**

**The Polish Campaign 1939** 30 November 2024

Mr Roger Moorhouse

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**Mr Roger Moorhouse** 30 November 2024  
**The Polish Campaign 1939**

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. The defence of the Westerplatte (1939 picture above) was an inspiration for the Polish Army and people in the face of German advances elsewhere and is still regarded as a symbol of resistance in modern Poland.



**Mr Roger Moorhouse**



**The Defence of Warsaw 1939** 7 December 2024

Dr Paul Latawski

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**Dr Paul Latawski**                      **7 December 2024**  
**The Defence of Warsaw 1939**

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. He discusses the Siege of Warsaw in 1939 which lasted 21 days. During the Warsaw defence (1st-28th September 1939) 5,000 Polish soldiers died, approx. 16,000 were wounded. Over 15,000 civilians died, many more were wounded. Circa 5,000 officers, and over 97,000 privates became prisoners of war. 12% of buildings were destroyed, including many historical monuments and antiques.



**Dr Paul Latawski**

**The Defence of Lwów – September 1939** 15 February 2025

Dr Andrzej Suchcitz

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**Dr Andrzej Suchcitz**                      **15 February 2025**  
**The Defence of Lwów September 1939**  
**Andrzej Suchcitz**

The Battle of Lwów (sometimes called the Siege of Lwów) was a World War II battle for the control over the Polish city of Lwów (now Lviv, Ukraine) between the Polish Army versus the invading Wehrmacht and the Red Army. The city was seen as the key to the so-called Romanian Bridgehead and was defended at all cost. He studied history at London University of London (School of Slavonic and East European Studies) He specialised in modern Polish History being awarded an M.A, in 1981. In 1983 he became deputy Director of the archives at the Polish Institute and Sikorski Museum in Kensington, London, where from 1989 he became the Keeper of the Archives. He joined the Councils of The Polish Underground Study Trust, The Council of the Józef Piłsudski Institute as well. As a fluent Polish speaker, he studied in Poland, where in 2004, he obtained a doctoral degree in humanities from the Higher School of Pedagogy in Częstochowa and habilitated at the Jan Długosz University of Humanities and Sciences.



**Dr Andrzej Suchcitz**

**Polish SOE from the British Perspective** 15 March 2025

**Mr Anthony Massey**

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**Mr Anthony Massey** 15 March 2025  
**Polish SOE from the British Perspective**

The British officers who ran the Polish Section of SOE were among the best friends the Poles had during the Second World War. If ultimately they failed in helping Poland regain its freedom and independence in 1945, it was not for want of trying. Anthony Massey is a retired journalist with BBC News. In a career lasting 33 years producing daily news on TV and radio, he spent much of his time covering wars and disasters round the world. This experience gave particular poignancy to his many conversations with his father Lewis who, along with Anthony's grandparents, had escaped from Poland to Britain as a refugee in 1940. Since Lewis's death in 2020 Anthony has been researching the Polish Section of SOE, Special Operations Executive, in which Lewis served as an intelligence officer. Anthony has supplemented the unique unpublished account of SOE's wartime activities left him by his father with the results of his own investigations in the British National Archives and elsewhere.



**Mr Anthony Massey**

**Polish Resettlement Act in the UK 12 April 2025**

**Dr Agata Błaszczyk**

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**Dr Agata Błaszczyk**

**12 April 2025**

**Polish Resettlement Act in the UK**

Dr Agata Błaszczyk has been working for the Polish Emigration Research Unit at the Polish University Abroad (PUNO) in London. Dr Błaszczyk's research examines historical and cultural sources and meanings of exile and forced migration, as well as the significance of encampment, enclosures and forced settlement. Her study explores the origins of Polish Displaced People (political refugees) and all aspects of their settlement, including the activity of the government agencies brought to life by the British after WW2. It explains the political implications of the passage of the Polish Resettlement Bill in March 1947 (the first ever British legislation dealing with mass immigration) and how the original refugees formed much of the Polish community as it exists today. Most of the Polish Resettlement Camps (250) were established across England, Wales and Scotland. Often located in ex-army bases in remote locations, they were a feature of the Polish diaspora in Britain well into the late 1950s with a few even existing until the 1960s.



**Dr Agata Błaszczyk**

**The London Victory Parade June 1946** 10 May 2025

**Ms. Jennifer Grant**

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**Ms. Jennifer Grant**

**10 May 2025**

**The London Victory Parade June 1946**

Jenny Grant 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*. Most British allies took part in the parade, including Belgium, Brazil, China, Czechoslovakia, France, Greece, Luxembourg the Netherlands and the United States. For political reasons, Polish servicemen and women were excluded from the Victory Parade in London in June 1946. The Poles, who had fought so hard and sacrificed so much, felt they had been betrayed. Nevertheless, veterans remembered their years of service with the RAF with pride and affection.



**Ms. Jennifer Grant**



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