

INSTITUTE OF POLISH MILITARY HISTORY 2025/2026

Polish Heritage Society UK

Celebrating the 14th Anniversary



The Polish Heritage Society in the United Kingdom, in short PHS UK, was formed to promote greater community awareness amongst present and future generations of United Kingdom citizens of Polish origin of the historical links between the two countries and the presence of acts of gratitude and remembrance across Great Britain.



The new academic year is fast approaching, and here at the IPMH there have been some changes. Most significantly, the Dean Jarek Garlinski, is stepping down after several years at the helm. We are all grateful for Jarek's contribution. You will all know him as the person introducing our speakers and leading the Q&A, but it is his work in the background, that we are most grateful for.

The new year will bring new speakers and new topics, but what will not change is our commitment to quality and independence in everything we do. We will continue to use the internet to reach those interested in Polish military history, wherever they may be, and expand our network of visiting professors and our research interests.

Finally, as the incoming new Dean, I would like to thank our colleagues and friends, who have offered their help and continued co-operation.

Stas Librowski

Dr. Staś Librowski,
Dean of Faculty of Military History





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AUTUMN 2025 – SPRING 2026, NEW PROGRAMME

The following lecturers confirmed so far:

Anthony Tucker-Jones, Dr. Paul Latawski

Anthony Massey, Franciszek

Jordan Rozwadowski,

Chris Wróblewski, Jarek Garlinski,

Mike Moszyński, Stanisław Bereza,

Jennifer Grant.

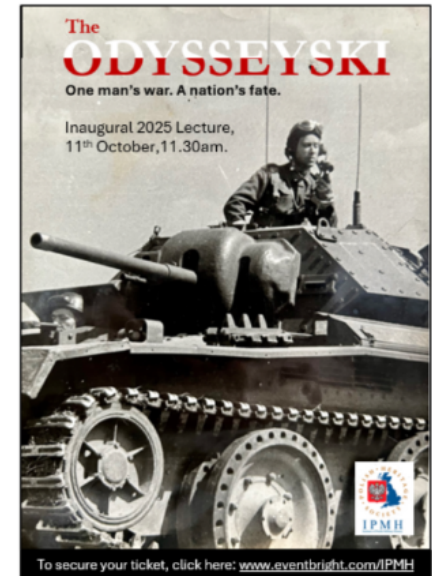
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1. The Odysseyski: One Man's War: A Nation's Fate

11th October 2025

Michael Moszynski

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-odysseyski-one-mans-war-a-nations-fate-tickets-1597581803179?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>



Michael Moszynski worked for the Saatchi Brothers for 20 years all over the world and in 2008 founded his own global agency, LONDON Advertising. Michael was born in the UK, son of a former Cavalry Officer who served in First Polish Armoured Division but who could not return home after the war and died in 1971, when Michael was only seven.

Michael some years later chanced upon some documents in his attic that revealed his father's contribution to hitherto unknown aspects of Poland's contributions to the allied war effort: From helping the embarkation of 16,000 Polish troops after the Fall of France, to saving the lives of some Jewish soldiers. From being sent on a secret mission to Ireland by Churchill, to persuading General Maczek to keep fighting after the news of the Yalta Agreement in 1945. Michael has been awarded UK CEO of the Year four times, but the award he is most proud of is his Order of Merit from the Knights of Malta for his work on behalf of Polish veterans, which included securing an apology from the Prime Minister in 2003 for the lack of Polish participation in the 1946 Victory Parade and lobbying the organisers of the 60th anniversary parade to put the Polish veterans at the front of the Parade to make up for 60 years of hurt.



2. Major General Stanisław Maczek: As Assessment of Command and Leadership

15 November 2025

Dr. Paul Latawski

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/maj-general-stanislaw-maczek-an-assessment-of-command-and-leadership-tickets-1597707559319?aff=oddtcreator>



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.

Picture: Polish hill 262.



3. British Military Mission to Poland 1939

29th November 2025

Anthony Massey

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Lieutenant Colonel Carton de Wiart

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. Picture: Lieutenant Colonel Carton de Wiart spent the interwar years in Poland, serving with the British Military Mission.

Photo: Henry Walter Barnett



4. A Little Poland in Wales - The story of three former Polish military hospitals in Penley and Iscoyd Park (1941–2004)

10th January 2026

Stanisław Bereza

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-little-poland-in-wales-tickets-1607373239629?aff=oddtcreator>



Stanisław Bereza grew up in the Penley Hospital Community and is the son of Col. Dr Michał Bereza. He studied at the London School of Economics and then worked as an economist and risk manager at Barclays Bank. In 1989 he participated in UK government training for the post-communist government of Poland. This was followed by a secondment to the Polish Ministry of Finance to work as an adviser to the Finance Minister Leszek Balcerowicz and later as the Inspector of Banks at the Central Bank of Poland. After working for the World Bank on development projects in Latvia, Estonia and other countries he joined the Banking Supervision Department of the Bank of England. Subsequently he held senior appointments at the Bank and the Financial Services Authority including Head of the Traded Risk Department. Between 2008 and 2011 he was the Inspector of Banks at the Central Bank of the Bahamas.

In 1992 he wrote *Zarządzanie ryzykiem bankowym* (Bank Risk Management) – the first publication of the newly formed Polish Institute of Bankers.

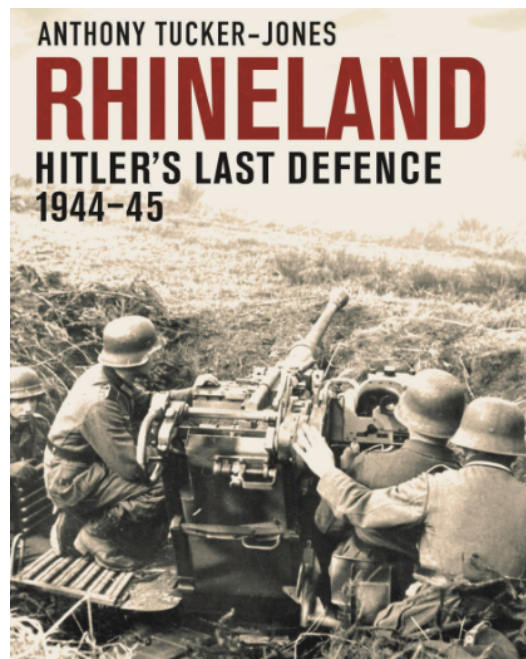
Picture: The story of three former Polish military hospitals in Penley and Iscoyd Park (1941–2004)

5. Rhineland Hitler's last defence 1944-45

24th January 2026

Anthony Tucker-Jones

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Rhineland offensive 1944-45

After a career in the British intelligence community Anthony established himself as a sought-after defence writer, broadcaster and military historian. For many years he was the terrorism and security correspondent for *Intersec - The Journal of International Security*, where he developed a solid reputation for objectivity. He also worked as a defence commentator for Channel 4 News.

Rhineland has a large Polish community of Poles, mainly miners who emigrated there for work pre-WWII.

Picture: Anthony Tucker-Jones



6. Sikorski – An investigation into the crash that killed Sikorski on 4th July 1943 Gibraltar

21 February 2026

Chris Wróblewski

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sikorski-an-investigation-into-the-crash-that-killed-general-sikorski-tickets-1602039095059?aff=oddtcreator>



Chris Wróblewski has been fascinated with aircraft and Second World War aviation history. A graduate of Centennial College's aviation maintenance program in Scarborough Ontario and over 36-years as a licensed Canadian Aircraft Maintenance Engineer, he served as director of maintenance for the Great War Flying Museum in Brampton Ontario and aviation maintenance instructor at Southern Alberta Institute of Technology. Along with company courses his aviation training included classes at Bombardier's Aerospace Training Centre, Flight Safety International, and Pratt & Whitney Canada.

An undergraduate at University of Calgary studying for a degree in military history. Published in the 2009 winter edition of *onspec Magazine*. His background in aircraft maintenance and military history proved advantageous in researching circumstances surrounding the crash of AL523.

Picture: The last visit of general Władysław Sikorski before his tragic death, 4th July, 1943. (public domain)



7. F2, Intelligence & Insurrection in Occupied France: The Réseau F2

7th March 2026

Dr. Franciszek Radwan Rozwadowski

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/intelligence-and-insurrection-in-occupied-france-1602297156929?aff=oddtcreator>



Leica parachuted to F2 on 7th July 1944

At that time Polish Intelligence in London referred to the whole network as Ekspozytura F (F standing for France). Armand's outfit started out as a subnetwork of Ekspozytura F, known as PO Paris (or possibly PO 3). In the field and among agents Ekspozytura F was called the "Réseau Interallié" so Armand's operation would properly be thought of as the Paris subnet of the "Réseau Interallié"

Dr Franciszek Rozwadowski is engaged in research on the contest between Polish and German intelligence during the Second World War. On the Polish side his research focuses on 'Ekspozytura' F/F2, one of the largest allied intelligence operations in occupied France. His interest in F2 began with a family connection - his father was its chief of intelligence - but broadened to encompass the network's structure and tradecraft. On the German side his research focuses on the Wehrmacht's cipher department (OKW/Chi), and its attack on Polish radio traffic, including that of F2.

Born in South Africa, Dr Franciszek Rozwadowski grew up in Swaziland and is now based in the United States. He studied at Brandeis and went on to earn a doctorate, in economics, at Columbia University. He taught economics at Wesleyan University during 1982-1989 then spent 25 years on the staff of the International Monetary Fund.



8. 1941 Sikorski-Maisky pact

11th April 2026

Jarek Garlinski

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sikorski-an-investigation-into-the-crash-that-killed-general-sikorski-tickets-1602039095059?aff=oddtcreator>



Jarek Garliński was born in London and brought up bi-lingual in English and Polish. Educated in England and France at the universities of Nottingham, London (School of Slavonic and East European Studies) and Grenoble, he served as head of three independent schools in the United States and one in France. Retired from education, Jarek now translates Polish literature and history.

Picture: Londyn, 30.07.1941. The Signing of the Sikorski-Maisky Pact. L-R Władysław Sikorski, Anthony Eden, Winston Churchill and Iwan Majski. PD-Polish (public domain) NAC

9. Honouring the Polish Dead: The Imperial Commission and Politics of Post-War Commemoration

25th April 2026

Jennifer Grant

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/honouring-the-polish-dead-the-imperial-war-graves-commission-tickets-1607186350639?aff=oddtcreator>



Jennifer Grant is a Postgraduate Researcher at Queen Mary University of London. Having studied Modern History at Oxford, she undertook an MA at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies. Her current research focuses on alliance-building and the challenges of honouring the Anglo-Polish Alliance both in wartime Britain and in the post-war world.

The granddaughter of Poles deported to Siberia, Jennifer is keen to build bridges between the Polish and British understanding of the war. As well as appearing at history festivals, she has recently edited the first English translation of the memoirs of General Maczek: 'The Price of Victory: The Memoir of the Commander of the 1st Polish Armoured Division'.





Leica parachuted to "F2" (Pascal) on 7th July 1944



TOP LEFT: RHINELAND OFFENSIVE, POLISH HILL 262, LIEUTENANT COLONEL DE WIART IN POLAND, LOWER LEFT: RESEAU INTERALLIE, THE LAST VISIT OF GENERAL SIKORSKI BEFORE HIS TRAGIC DEATH, THE SIGNING OF THE SIKORSKI/MAJSKY PACT IN LONDON 1941

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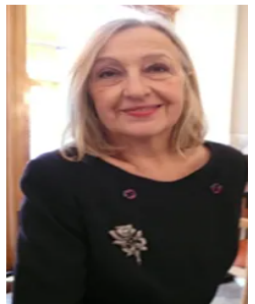
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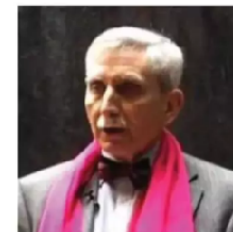
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Polish Heritage Society (UK)



The 14th Anniversary of Polish Heritage Society UK

The dedication and the depth of work done by the Polish Heritage Society UK by all accounts is unprecedented in the promotion of Polish History and Culture. Our motto says it all, *The Polish Heritage Society - a British Charity with a Polish Heart.*

The Polish Heritage Society's conferences have covered many key moments in Polish Military History. The first conference covered the leadership of Polish Generals in World II amongst them General Anders, General Sosabowski and General Maczek. We have also covered other interesting topics: The Polish Underground State, and in 2017 the Polish Air Force (PAF) Squadrons 303 and 302 in the Battle of Britain. This was followed by The Polish Section of the S.O.E. with the special British agent, Krystyna Skarbek (Christine Granville), Winston Churchill's favourite spy. Many other subjects have been covered too.

We are about to start our fifth year of The Institute of Polish Military History. After four years of Jarek Garliński's stalwart work as Dean of Faculty, we are now introducing Dr Stanisław Librowski who will take over this role from the IPMH Autumn Semester in 2025. I am sure you will all agree with me, that Jarek Garliński's four years at the helm of IPMH since 2020, was most exceptional and that we all owe him the highest gratitude and a massive thank you for his hard work. He always emphasised the historic facts reminding everyone that the Polish Nation has played an important and critical role in European history. Our latest October 2025 Polish Heritage Society conference features the 1st Polish Armoured Division Operations from September 1944-May 1945 and its Commander General Maczek. We welcome you to the Polish Heritage Society conferences and IPMH lectures. Our very first conference was held over 10 years go at The Royal College in Defence Studies (RCDS) together with The British Commission for Military History (BCMh).

Dr Marek Stella-Sawicki MBE KM KCSG

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- 19 Poland in WWII **Mr Roger Moorhouse** 19/03/2022
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