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International Conference

‘Medieval Battles – Attractive Sites in Contemporary Public Space?’



4–6 November 2026

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Day 1 – 4 November 2026 (Wednesday)

13:00 Opening of the conference: welcome and introduction:

- Agnieszka Szudarek (Institute of History, University of Szczecin) (online)
- Jörg Hackmann (International Centre for Interdisciplinary Research, University of Szczecin in Kulice) (online)
- Paweł Migdalski (University of Szczecin, Poland)

13:30-15:00: panel I

- KATHRYN BEDFORD (English Heritage, Great Britain)
‘On the very spot’ – Claiming authority through the battlefield of Hastings
- PAWEŁ MIGDALSKI (University of Szczecin, Poland)
The Battle of Cedynia 972 – between myth, history, identity and tourism

Discussion

15:00-16:00: lunch break

16:00-17:30: panel II

- KURT VILLADS JENSEN (Stockholm University, Sweden)
The Battle of Visby - in 1361, and in later Swedish history writing

- KRZYSZTOF BRACHA (Institute of Literary Research, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland)
Grunwald 1410 – the symbiosis of preaching and memory in the Polish Middle Ages. Historical accounts and contemporary reception over the long term

Discussion

17:30-18:15: break

18:15-19:45: panel III

- MYROSLAV VOLOSHCHUK (Vasyl Stefanyk Carpathian National University, Ukraine)
The Battle of Halych (1221)
- DANIEL BAGI (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary)
The Battle of Požon (Bratislava) as a symbol of medievalism in contemporary Hungary

Discussion

Day 2 – 5 November 2026 (Thursday)

07:30–16:15: Study trip – the battlefield at Cedynia:

10:15–10:45 – Regional Museum in Cedynia

11:00–11:30 – the stronghold in Cedynia

12:00–13:00 – Czcibor Hill

16:30: lunch

17:30-19:30: panel IV

- SZYMON DREJ (Museum of the Battle of Grunwald, Poland)
The Battle of Grunwald
- FRED RUCHHÖFT (Goldberg Natural History Museum, Germany)
Arkona 1168: A History and a Historical Perspective
- NARCYZA GIEMZA (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Poland)
Krzywy Gród in flames. The role of Witold Kiejstutowicz in the siege of Vilnius (1390) and its place in Lithuania's historical memory

Discussion

Day 3 – 6 November 2026 (Friday)

9:00-11:00: panel V

- ADRIEN QUÉRET-PODESTA (Institute for Slavic Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland)
The Battle of Roncevaux, its double memory and its lieux de mémoire
- STANISŁAW ROSIK (University of Wrocław, Poland)
Inimica veritatis vel amica societatis, vel...? On the truth in the legend of Psie Pole
- TOMASZ PEŁECH (Institute of Archaeology and Ethnology of Polish Academy of Sciences, Wrocław, Poland)
Medieval Battles in School History: Mediterranean Entanglements, National Narratives, and Curricular Silences in Europe

Discussion

11:00-11:30: coffee break

11:30 – 13:15: panel VI

- DAWID GRALIK (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland)
im. Adama Mickiewicza w Poznaniu, Polska)
An engaging way to popularise history, or a platform for perpetuating myths? Medieval battles in digital media narratives
- BARTŁOMIEJ BARTECKI (Rev. Stanisław Staszic Museum in Hrubieszów, Poland) & MARCIN H. GAPSKI (Catholic University of Lublin / National Museum in Lublin, Poland)
The Battle on the Bug – from a one-off event to a recurring historical event on a national scale

Discussion and summary of the conference

13:45: lunch

14:30: departure of participants from Kulice

15:30: arrival in Szczecin (independent researcher, Poland)