

INSTITUTE OF HISTORY OF NAS BELARUS
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KONRAD-ADENAUER-STIFTUNG
AUSLANDSBÜRO BELARUS
invites to participate
at the international scientific conference

**THE UNION OF LUBLIN AND THE SITUATION IN
EASTERN EUROPE - 450 YEARS LATER**

The Union of Lublin is often referred to as the first attempt to create a federalist Union of European States in Europe, based on the election of governing bodies and the close interpenetration of economies. That is why, some researchers tend to consider the year of 1569 as the beginning of attempts of European integration, which came to its natural outcome in the twentieth century with the creation of the EU. Today, the European Union is probably the most advanced form of integration on the continent and in the world. Nevertheless, it is necessary to understand that the conclusion of the Lublin Union is quite a controversial process, which was accompanied by a serious political struggle. However, the emerged state of Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth could not resist the attempts of the three neighboring empires to divide and absorb it.

Today, two of the four countries that made up The Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth are part of the EU, two are at its borders, while Ukraine is committed to membership in the European Union, Belarus only has relations of a good neighbor. At the same time, the tangle of relations between Belarus, Poland, Lithuania and Ukraine looks very contradictory and ambiguous, and it is difficult to talk about the presence of any federalist attitude or even more prospects between them.

The conference will bring together experts from Belarus, Poland, Lithuania, Ukraine.

This conference aims at:

- detailed historical and political analysis of the existing heritage in relations between the countries of the former Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth,
- current situation between these countries
- possible prospects for its development.

Date of the conference: September 17, 2019.

Conference venue - Institute of History of the NAS of Belarus, ul. Akademichnaya, 1, Minsk, Belarus.

Organizers cover all expenses related to travelling and accommodation.

Historians, political scientists, experts in international relations, as well as all interested in the development of the region are invited to participate in the event.

Applications for participation in the conference are accepted until September 7, 2019 by e-mail: chg-nasb@history.by.

The application must indicate the name, patronymic and surname of the speaker, his scientific degree and title, position and place of work, title of the report, contact phone number, e-mail.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to select reports for presentation and publication. Confirmation of participation in the conference will be sent until September 10, 2019. Conference materials will be published. Text requirements: electronic and printed versions of no more than 30,000 characters, page footnotes, numbering of footnotes on each page. The first link to the publication is given in full (author, title, place and year of publication, pages), in the next link the place and year of publication are not indicated.

Conference working languages: Belarusian, Russian, English. Simultaneous translation is provided.

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