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Philosophy in Galicia III. Introduction

In 2016, the journal of the Institute of History at the University of Rzeszów, “Galicia. Studies and Materials” 2/2016,¹ was published as a monographic volume dedicated to *Filozofia w Galicji* [Philosophy in Galicia]. The premise of this issue was to show “[...] the presence of philosophy in Galicia and not, it should be emphasised, Galician philosophy. It deals with philosophers, whether professional or amateur, philosophical views developed or popularised in Galicia, and philosophical problems addressed in Galicia. In no way, however, does the idea of a specific philosophy of this region, of some philosophical *genius loci of Galicia* appear here”.² This principle also guided the second volume on philosophical thought in Galicia, published in 2019,³ provided with the subtitle *Filozofia w Galicji II* [Philosophy in Galicia II]. This rule also fully applies to the present issue of “Galicia. Studies and Materials” 8/2022 with the sub-title – *Filozofia w Galicji III* [Philosophy in Galicia III].

The present volume, in its monographic part, consists of twenty articles. They present studies on the views of individual Galician thinkers of merit to Polish and Ukrainian culture (e.g. texts on W. Feldman, K. Michalski, S. Harassek on the Polish side, or on Ukrainian philosophers – W. Nawrocki or K. Kondrat). There are also texts on artists whose work crosses the borders of Galicia (e.g. F. Koneczny, J. Łukasiewicz, L. Łukasiewicz, L. Von Mises or R. Ingarden).

¹ https://www.galicja.ur.edu.pl/index.php/content/download/1050/6226/file/Galicja%20Studia%20i%20Materia%C5%82y%20nr%202_2016.pdf.

² *Od redakcji. Kilka uwag ogólnych odnośnie do założeń redakcyjnych „Filozofii w Galicji”*, „Galicja. Studia i materiały” 2016, t. 2, s. 7.

³ „Galicia. Studies and Materials” 2019, t. 5; see: https://www.galicja.ur.edu.pl/index.php/content/download/1483/8449/file/Galicja%20Studia%20i%20Materia%C5%82y%20nr%205_2019.pdf.

There are also several synthesising articles (e.g. on Galician precursors of Polish ecological thought, on ethical educational ideas in Galicia or on polemics within the Lviv-Warsaw School). All in all, this monographic issue brings together, on the one hand, studies illustrating the richness of the range of philosophical reflection undertaken in Galicia, and, on the other hand, shows the significant achievements of authors working in or originating from this province. This selection of dissertations, as well as the Galician philosophical reflections presented in the two previous volumes, clearly shows the broad perspectives for further research into the philosophical legacy of Imperial-Royal Galicia.

The articles published in *Philosophy in Galicia III* are the product of the work of researchers from several research centres in Poland and Ukraine: Academy of Economics and Human Sciences in Warsaw (1), Academy of Special Education in Warsaw (1), Naval Academy in Gdynia (1), Silesian University of Technology in Katowice (1), Warsaw School of Economics (1), Ukrainian Academy of Sciences in Kiev (1), Ivan Franko University in Lviv (1), Jagiellonian University in Krakow (2), Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń (1), University of Rzeszów in Rzeszów (7), University of Silesia in Katowice (1) and University of Zielona Góra in Zielona Góra (2). On behalf of the Editorial Board, I would like to express my thanks to all authors for their involvement in the project. We would especially like to thank the authors from Ukraine, mercilessly attacked by Putin's imperialist Russia in February this year. To all of them, we would like to express our feelings of deep empathy and utmost solidarity.

The texts presented were arranged strictly according to a chronological key. This means that in the case of articles devoted to the presentation of the views of individual authors, their order in the structure of the journal was determined by the date of birth of the given thinker (from the earliest to the latest). In the case of articles discussing the views of a larger group of authors (e.g. the beginnings of Polish ecological reflection or the Lviv-Warsaw School), it was the moment of the initiation of the philosophical event in question that determined the place of the text (e.g. the year of the arrival in Lviv of K. Twardowski, the founder of the Lviv-Warsaw School of Philosophy).

To end on an optimistic note, an excerpt from the 2016 *Introduction to Philosophy in Galicia I* should be quoted: "Aware of the wealth of material on philosophy in Galicia, still unpenetrated by research, [...] the editors have no doubts about the advisability of publishing further volumes on philosophy within the periodical [...]"⁴ In this respect, which should be strongly emphasised, nothing has changed. The monographic volume *Philosophy in Galicia II* and

⁴ L. Gawor, *Od redakcji. Kilka uwag ogólnych odnośnie do założeń redakcyjnych „Filozofii w Galicji”*, „Galicja. Studia i materiały” 2016, t. 2, s. 9.

the latest issue *Philosophy in Galicia III* reinforced the words written six years ago. [It is also worth noting here, last but not least, that the editions of the individual philosophical volumes to date are arranged in a three-year cycle, which is a prospectively defined guideline for the Editorial Board of the journal for the year 2025].

At the same time, these events point to the existing great interest in the problems of philosophical thought in Galicia among scholars, especially historians of philosophy, in Poland and Ukraine. They also unambiguously suggest the continuation of the publication of monographic, successive philosophical volumes of “Galicia. Studies and Materials” every three years. In this respect, we should be particularly optimistic. The good will for this initiative, on the part of the journal’s Editorial Board and the Editor-in-Chief, Szczepan Kozak, is truly invaluable. It inspires genuine appreciation from the domestic (and not only) philosophical community.

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