

### **Political life in the years 1989-1998 in tarnobrzescski voivodeship**

The aim of the dissertation was to present the development of political life and activities of political parties in the Tarnobrzeg voivodship from 1989 to 1998. This period was an interesting moment for analyzing political life in this voivodeship due to political, economic and systemic changes that took place in the discussed one interval time. Tarnobrzeckie was a voivodeship isolated in a way artificialny what caused that in its area clearly the division of support between the post-Solidarity options and the post-communist, and the dividing line ran along the Vistula River. The subject of the research was, therefore, the broadly understood political life of the voivodeship community, and the subject was the voivodeship and local structures of parties or political movements. The research area covered the south-eastern part of Poland, including the Tarnobrzeg voivodship, established in 1975 and functioning until the end of the time frames discussed in the paper.

The problematic layout of the work was determined by the time and territorial scope. The work was thus divided into five chapters devoted to various aspects of the political life in the voivodeship. In chapter one titled *Democratization of political life after 1989 in Poland* events related to the political transformation of the state were presented, as well as their impact on political and system transformations. In the first chapter, the transformation was divided into three stages corresponding to the time frame of the dissertation. The first of them concerned 1989, the second years 1990-1993 and the evolution of the system, the third period concerned the period between 1993 and 1998, when Poland was divided according to a new territorial division, which led to the liquidation of the "old" voivodeships, and thus the voivodship Tarnobrzeg.

In the second chapter, entitled *A political breakthrough in 1989 in the Tarnobrzeg voivodship* issues related to the location, economy and financial situation of the voivodeship were presented. The structure of the inhabiting population was also presented. In the voivodeship, issues related to the emerging political life of Tarnobrzeg and the development of Civic Committees associated with NSZZ "Solidarity", the cradle of which in the voivodship was Huta Stalowa Wola. The last part of the second chapter discusses the

outcome of contractual elections in voivodship and their impact on the life of its inhabitants in the cities, villages and towns.

Chapter three *Participants in political life in the voivodeship* refers to political parties existing in the Tarnobrzeg voivodship. They were discussed according to the division into political forces. The first two parts are about the emergence of the anti-system opposition and the one with "Solidarity", the third presents the post-communist and local actors on the political scene according to the division into right, center and left.

Another chapter *Elections to central government bodies in the Tarnobrzeg Voivodeship in the 1990s* presents the political situation in the voivodship in progress next presidential and parliamentary elections. In this chapter they are presented profiles of local politicians, the manner of conducting election campaigns in the voivodeship, which has evolved over time, and the changing attitude of the society living in the voivodeship towards individual political groups. The analysis of the presented content shows the division of the voivodship due to the preferences regarding the right and left on the political scene.

In the last, fifth chapter titled *Political life in the self-governments of the Tarnobrzeg voivodship 1990-1998* the first and subsequent local government elections as well as elections to the poviats council and voivodship sejmik were presented, which were the culmination of the implementation of the next level of local government administration and the new territorial division of the state. This part of the work also presents the problems of local self-governments and the social contribution of the inhabitants of communes, which is an interesting aspect in the context of the formation of civil society and the attitude to politics on the local ground.

The conducted research allowed for the conclusion that political life in the Tarnobrzeg voivodship survived to 1993, when there was an expansion of post-Solidarity groups. Despite this, the inhabitants of Tarnobrzeg clearly however, they showed their own political preferences, which were determined by the historical affiliation of the outermost communes of the voivodship, which influenced the functioning of individual groupings in the political space.