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International conference

Border disputes after the Great War 1918-1921

Location: Muzeum Śląska Cieszyńskiego, ul. T.Regera 6, 43-400 Cieszyn (Poland)

Date: 5th-6th August 2021

The conference will address the topic of border disputes in the process of restructuring European area after the end of the Great War. The event will be held symbolically in the town of Teschen (Cieszyn, PL), the former capital of the historical duchy, split by the river between two newly formed states as a consequence of such border dispute. Speakers will be financially rewarded and selected papers will be published in the museum journal.

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Topic areas:

- Forming of identities in the peripheries of historical lands (creating of bond with national body, irredentism, autonomism)
- Concepts of territorial and legal claims (historical rights, right of self-determination)
- Dispute solutions (armed conflicts, plebiscite, international arbitration)
- Social and economic aspects (economic interests, business and traffic bonds etc.)
- International intermediation (international commissions, allied peace-keeping force etc.)
- Post-war violence (paramilitary units and their activities, terrorism)
- Propaganda
- The problem of new border demarcation
- Afterlife (monuments, forms of remembrance, stigmas)
- Parallel historiographical narrations

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Conference languages: Polish, Czech, English

Conference abstracts of max length of 300 words are to be submitted until **26th April 2021** to the email address: teschensilesia@gmail.com