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**THE 5<sup>th</sup> OSKAR HALECKI SYMPOSIUM**  
*on the occasion of 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of OHI*



# **Evolution of the Central Eastern Europe – New Challenges**

**19:00 - 21:30 Friday, October 25, 2024**

**8:00 - 14:00 Saturday, October 26, 2024**

**Amphitheatre - G1124, SAINT PAUL UNIVERSITY**  
223 Main Street, Ottawa, ON K1S 1C4, Canada



## Professor Oskar Halecki, Jr.

\* 1891 – Vienna, Austro-Hungarian Empire

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A Polish and American historian, Byzantinist, and diplomat, a social and Christian activist, an organizer of the scientific cooperation at the League of Nations (together with Albert Einstein, Maria Curie-Skłodowska and Henri Bergson) and of collaboration amongst captive nations, a defender of free Poland and Central Eastern Europe in North America during and after the World War II

# PROGRAMME

DAY 1                      Friday, October 25, 2024

18:00                      REGISTRATION

19:00 – 19:30            OPENING WORD I

**Krzysztof Grabkowski, MC**

*Oskar Halecki Institute in Canada*

**Dr. Aleksander M. Jabłoński**

*Oskar Halecki Institute in Canada*

**His Excellency Witold Dzielski**

*Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Canada*

19:30 – 20:30            LECTURES I & II

**Professor Marek J. Chodakiewicz, Ph.D.**

*Kościuszko Chair of Polish Studies, The Center for Intermarium Studies, Institute of World Politics, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.*

**Mittleeuropa and Intermarium**

20:30 – 21:00

**Professor Marek Kornat, Ph.D., D.Sc.**

*Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, Warsaw, Poland,  
Institute of History, Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN)*

**Poland in the East-Central Europe.  
Troublesome past and uncertain future**

21:00 RECEPTION and EXHIBITION

**The Oskar Halecki Institute  
– Posters (2014 – 2024)**

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DAY 2 Saturday, October 26, 2024

8:00 REGISTRATION II

9:00 – 9:15 OPENING WORD II

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**Statements from the Honorary Guests**

9:15 – 10 :15 LECTURE III

**Brigadier-General (Ret'd) Robert Williams,**

**Ph.D., OMM, MSM and Bar, CD**

*Royal Military College, Kingston, ON*

**Poland Knows Only Too Well  
the Price of Freedom**

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10:15 – 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 – 11:45 PANEL I

**Krzysztof Grabkowski, Moderator**

*Oskar Halecki Institute in Canada*

**Andris Kesteris**

*President, Baltic Canadian Council*

**Dr. Piotra Murzionak**

*President, Belarusian Institute of Arts and Sciences in Canada*

**Agne Butkute**

*President, Lithuanian Canadian Community in Ottawa*

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**11:45– 12 :45**      Lunch

**12:45 – 13:45**      **PANEL II**

**Tomasz Żagoń, Moderator**

*Oskar Halecki Institute in Canada*

**Edward Poznański, B.A.(Hons), M.A.**

*Ottawa, Ontario*

**Andrew Kavchak, LL.B, M.A.**

*Ottawa, Ontario*

## **Family Tradition and Understanding of History**

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**13:45 – 14:15**      **CLOSING REMARKS**

**Dr. Alexander M. Jabłoński**

*Oskar Halecki Institute in Canada, Ottawa, ON*

**The Oskar Halecki Medal Presentation**

**Closing Statements by Guests**

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**October 25-26, 2024**

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