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Syllabus

Road to civil society and human rights. **Democratic transformation in Poland: values, norms, ideas**

The lecture is divided in three main parts. It describe situation of Poland and its road to civil society starting from the history till the present day.

I. The role of History in Polish Politics and Culture

- Historical thinking in current Polish political debate
- Heritage of partitions
- Fighting for independence
- Borders of II Republic of Poland
- Society of II Republic of Poland
- National Minorities
- Political system of II Republic of Poland

II. Poland and Polish people under communism

- Polish exceptionalism in Eastern Block
- Polish culture under communist regime
- Social protest in communist Poland
- Phenomenon of Solidarność movement
- Role of Catholic church in transformation process
- Round Table and the first democratic elections

III. Transformation – the beginning of systematic changes

- Balcerowicz plan
- Polish society after 1989
- Political system of the 3rd Republic
- Main divisions issues on Polish political scene
- Poles as voters
- How attractive is Polish transformation model to other countries

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Syllabus

Transformation of foreign policy of Poland after the collapse bipolar system. New structures, new mechanisms, new directions and new contents.

1. The notion of transformation, transition and consolidation of democracy.

- Definition of these notions, their contents and explanation. Scientific discourse in this realm.
 - Circumstances which had an impact on the character of this processes, mainly economic and political ones.
 - Regularities and principles which we could be observed in the process of transformation in Poland.
2. Independent and dependent variables which influenced the course of economic and socio-political transformations in Poland.
- The state of international environment, first of all, the relation between powers and the impact of new status quo on redefinition of the main directions in foreign policy of Poland.
 - Economic situation: foreign debt, anachronistic structure of Polish economy and non-competitive export which led to the need of undertaking reforms in these fields.
 - Leaders and personalities who played crucial roles in the structure of decision making process in foreign policy.
 - Bureaucracy, covering the memory of administration, procedures and mechanisms.
 - Visions and directions of foreign policy of Poland in the programs of the main political parties.
3. Normative dimensions of procedures and institutions.
- Competences of the Head of State as the supreme representative of Poland in international relations.
 - The Prime Minister and the Council of Ministers, as the main actors in the structure of decision making process, in the realm of foreign policy.
 - The legislative power, Sejm and Senate as control tools.
 - The Minister of Foreign Affairs – actual creator of the directions in foreign policy of Poland.
4. Functional dimension of the decision making process in the foreign policy of Poland.
- Phenomena which made the process dysfunctional.
 - Disputes over competences among the main characters in the structure of decision making process.
 - Consequences of dysfunctions in the system of decision making process, in reference to effectiveness of foreign policy of Poland.