



PREZES RADY MINISTRÓW

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*Ladies and Gentlemen,*

*recovering forgotten history is a very important challenge. The past has a huge impact on the present times and the future. Events that took place 100 years ago and more still affect international relations and foreign affairs today. This knowledge gives us a better understanding of the contemporary geopolitics which impacts the entire economy.*

*Thanks to history, we are who we are. For our government, the historical policy is not just caring for the heritage of our national memory, but rather keeping it vibrant and alive. It is a matter of values that constitute us. We would like to show to the whole world our spirit of solidarity and freedom. Historical truth is also a certificate of the condition of our community. We do not do this for ourselves, but for the former and next generations.*

*There is no better way to discover history than academic work in the form which you have chosen – straightening the distortions, omissions, mistakes in academic textbooks addressed to millions of English-speaking students across the world. It is a crucial task, for these students will become the leaders of opinion and they will tell the story of common human identity.*

*Your conference is a beautiful example of organic work, because you discuss all publications concerning Poland and Central-Eastern Europe page by page and – which is more important – find flaws that require correction. Owing to your professionalism and the quality of your seminar, significant changes are being made. Even the best organized marketing campaign will not have any major impact on historical awareness in a long-range perspective, an impact that your work will certainly have.*

*I would like to thank cordially the organizers, participants and patrons of the 17th annual conference "Recovering Forgotten History. The Image of East-Central Europe in English-Language Academic Textbooks". I see your activity not only as work for Poland, but more for truth and justice. I believe this project will be continued and will be an important point in agendas of people and institutions – Polish and foreign alike. I believe that thanks to the "Recovering Forgotten History" conference, not just our history, but also the present times and the future will simply be better.*

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