

AUGUST 2022

TUESDAY 30/08/2022

8:30 p.m.

PRESENTATION CEREMONY: FREEDOM OF SPEECH MEDAL

The award honours people who tend to the common good in the public area, especially through activities in the civic and social sphere; in the public sphere, culture, art and science; and in journalism. The Medals are awarded in three categories: Media, Institution and Citizen.

CATEGORY: INSTITUTION

Krzysztof Głuchowski, General and Artistic Director, Juliusz Słowacki Theatre, Kraków

Jakub Karyś, opinion journalist, social activist, Head of the Committee for the Defence of Democracy (KOD)

Igor Tuleya, lawyer, judge at the Regional Court (Sąd Okręgowy) in Warsaw

CATEGORY: CITIZEN

Kamila Ferenc, lawyer, Vice-President for Programming, FEDERA Foundation for Women and Family Planning

Robert Hojda, President, Congress of Civic Democratic Movements Foundation (KORD), organiser of the Tour de Konstytucja PL project

Katarzyna Wappa, English teacher from Hajnówka, activist, helps refugees at the Polish-Belarusian border

CATEGORY: MEDIA

Piotr Jacoń, journalist, TVN24

Jerzy Jurecki, creator and publisher of *Tygodnik Podhalański* weekly

Ewa Siedlecka, opinion journalist, *POLITYKA* weekly

/ venue: ECS Winter Garden, ground floor

/ organised by: Grand Press Foundation

/ host city: Gdańsk

/ partner: European Solidarity Centre

/ broadcast by: TVN24

WEDNESDAY 31/08/2022

42nd ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE AUGUST AGREEMENT

THE BIRTH OF SOLIDARITY

11:00 a.m.

FLOWER LAYING CEREMONY AT THE MONUMENT TO THE FALLEN SHIPYARD WORKERS OF 1970

CEREMONIAL OPENING OF GATE NO. 2

We start the anniversary of 31 August with flower laying at the Monument to the Fallen Shipyard Workers of 1970 and the opening of the historic Shipyard Gate No. 2 to commemorate the events of 42 years ago.

During the August 1980 strike, this gate was the first public agora, with its opening a symbolic turning of a new page in the history of Central and Eastern Europe.

ADDRESSES BY

Lech Wałęsa, leader of Solidarność, President of the Republic of Poland

Bogdan Lis, Solidarność activist, Chairman, ECS Board

Margaritis Schinas, Vice-President, European Commission

Mieczysław Struk, Marshal of the Pomorskie Voivodeship

Agnieszka Owczarczak, Chairwoman, Gdańsk City Council

Aleksandra Dulkiewicz, Mayor of Gdańsk

Basil Kerski, Director, European Solidarity Centre

EVENT HOST

Lech Parell, former opposition activist, President, Gdańsk Multimedia Centre

12:00 noon

THE ETHICS OF SOLIDARITY

ANNIVERSARY REFLECTION ON THE SIGNING OF THE AUGUST AGREEMENT

The lectures in THE ETHICS OF SOLIDARITY series refer to an essay by Józef Tischner, the most important philosophical document of Solidarność, while also being a diagnosis of contemporary challenges to which solidarity may be the answer.

The annual reflection on the relevance and appeal of the concept of solidarity is a joint undertaking of the City of Gdańsk and the European Solidarity Centre. To date, lectures have been delivered by:

Rev. Adam Boniecki MIC, Guy Sorman, Gesine Schwan, Michel Wieviorka, Shalini Randeria, Michael Sandel, Cardinal Reinhard Marx, Żanna Niemcowa, Věra Jourová, Dominika Kozłowska and Cezary Obracht-Prondzyński.

The project has been ongoing since 2012.

WELCOME ADDRESSES

Basil Kerski, Director, European Solidarity Centre

Aleksandra Dulkiewicz, Mayor of Gdańsk

LECTURE

Dr hab. Adam Bodnar,

professor, SWPS University

/ lawyer and university teacher

/ Polish Ombudsman (2015–2021)
/ Vice-President, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights (2010–2015)

CONVERSATION

Dr hab. Adam Bodnar

and the Grand Press Foundation's Freedom of Speech Medal nominees

Krzysztof Głuchowski, General and Artistic Director, Juliusz Słowacki Theatre, Kraków

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MODERATOR: **Marek Twaróg**, Editor-in-Chief, *Presserwis* and *Press.pl*

/ venue: ECS Auditorium
/ simultaneous interpretation: Polish, English, Ukrainian
/ partner: Grand Press Foundation

2:00 p.m.

LUNCH WITH ALEKSANDRA DULKIEWICZ, MAYOR OF GDAŃSK AND THE UNION OF POLISH METROPOLISES REPRESENTATIVES

/ venue: ECS, canteen, 1st floor

4:00 p.m.

FILM SCREENING: LANE KIRKLAND. LEADER OF CHANGE directed by Mariusz Michalik

/ venue: ECS, Media Library, 1st floor
/ event for participants in the ECS Medals of Gratitude presentation ceremony
/ consecutive interpretation: English, Ukrainian

5:00 p.m.

MEDALS OF GRATITUDE PRESENTATION CEREMONY

The Medal of Gratitude is an honorary award for friends of Poland who, in the spirit of the ideals of Solidarity, stood and stand up to defend universal human rights, engage in promoting the idea of solidarity as the basis for the European order, work to promote understanding between nations, while building social and moral order based on dialogue.

This year's honourees

BULGARIA

Zhelju Zhelev (posthumously), medal to be collected by his daughter, Stanka Zhelev

Stefan Tsanev

GERMANY

Manfred Mack

UKRAINE

Vasyl Stus (posthumously), medal to be collected by his son, Dmytro Stus, Director of the Taras Shevchenko National Museum, Kyiv

USA

Lane Kirkland (posthumously), medal to be collected by his daughters, Louise Kirkland Condon and Lucy Schoenfeld

/ venue: ECS Permanent Exhibition, Room G, 1st floor
/ simultaneous interpretation: Polish, English, Ukrainian
/ partner: Leaders of Change Foundation

7.00 p.m.
DINNER WITH MEDAL OF GRATITUDE HONOUREES
/ AmberSide Restaurant, ECS, ground floor

THURSDAY 1/09/2022

On 1 September, the anniversary of the outbreak of World War II, we conclude the FREEDOM DAYS with a reflection on European democracy. The challenge of protecting the legacy of peaceful revolutions in Europe is especially relevant today in the face of the war in Ukraine.

NO MORE WAR

4:45 a.m.
83rd ANNIVERSARY OF THE OUTBREAK OF WORLD WAR II
Ceremony hosted by Poland's Ministry of National Defence
/ venue: Westerplatte

10:30 a.m.
EUROPE WITH A VIEW TO THE FUTURE. WAR AND PEACE
DEBATE

introductory remarks:

Bogdan Borusewicz, former opposition activist, Deputy Speaker of the Polish Senate, President of the ECS Council

Aleksandra Dulkiewicz, Mayor of Gdańsk

Debate:

Andriy Dligach, Kyiv, Ukrainian Recovery Plan

Marzenna Guz-Vetter, Acting Head and Spokesperson of the European Commission Representation in Poland.

Basil Kerski, Director, European Solidarity Centre

Dietmar Nietan, Member of the Bundestag, Coordinator of German-Polish Intersocietal and Cross-Border Cooperation, Federal Republic of Germany

Margaritis Schinas, Vice-President, European Commission

Dmytro Stus, Director, Taras Shevchenko National Museum, Kyiv

Karolina Zbytniewska, European and EU affairs analyst, Editor-in-Chief, EURACTIV.pl

/ venue: ECS Auditorium

/ simultaneous interpretation: Polish, English, Ukrainian

12:00 noon
TRIBUTE TO THE DEFENDERS OF THE POLISH POST OFFICE IN GDAŃSK

The programme includes: official addresses, Memorial Roll Call, wreath laying and candle lighting ceremony at the Monument to the Defenders of the Polish Post Office

/ venue: plac Obrońców Poczty Polskiej (Defenders of the Polish Post Office Square)

/ free admission