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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Pomniki i miejsca pamięci w relacjach międzynarodowych. Wpływ pamięci na stosunki japońsko-amerykańskie z perspektywy Japonii (2016); *Aktorzy na scenie politycznej Japonii a kwestie pamięci o II wojnie światowej w relacjach ze Stanami Zjednoczonymi*, „Studia Polityczne” no. 3 (2016); *Different Anniversaries, Same Purpose: War Memory and Reconciliation in Central Europe and East Asia* (2014–2015). *The Case of Polish-German and Japanese-South Korean Relations* (2017).

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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Sabina Bober is the author of over one hundred articles and eight monographic works, including *Bóg i człowieczeństwo w niemieckich obozach koncentracyjnych* (2013); *Eksterminacja w systemie niemieckim i sowieckim* (ed.) (2017); *Polskość w obliczu zagrożeń. Od rozbiorów do niepodległości* (2018).

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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Żydzi, in: *Ziemia radzyńska 1939–1944*, ed. D. Magier (2010); *Żydzi Mińska Mazowieckiego w latach 1918–1939* (2015); *Okólnik departamentu konsularnego Ministerstwa Spraw Zagranicznych z 1938 r. w sprawie emigracji żydowskiej*, wydany przez Wiktora Tomira Drymmera – źródło do dziejów polityki emigracyjnej II RP, “Almanach. Studia Żydowskie” no. 5 (2015); *Polityka sanacji wobec ruchu narodowego w latach 1926–1935 a kwestia współodpowiedzialności obozu rządowego w rozpowszechnianiu idei antysemitycznych*, in: *Przemoc antyżydowska i konteksty akcji pogromowych na ziemiach polskich w XX wieku*, eds. K. Zieliński, K. Kijek (2016).

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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Przerwane dzieciństwo. Losy dzieci Żydowskiego Domu Sierot przy ul. Dietla 64 w Krakowie podczas okupacji niemieckiej (2012); *Kobieta żydowska w okupowanym Krakowie (1939–1945)* (2016). Editor of publications including: *Polska 1944. Perspektywa sojuszników i wrogów* (2016); *Elity i przedstawiciele społeczności żydowskiej podczas II wojny światowej (1939–1945)* (2017).

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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Broel-Platerowie z Białaczowa. Losy rodziny w XIX i XX w. (2013); she is also the author of several dozen scientific and popular-science articles, the curator of numerous museum exhibitions and displays, and the co-author of the website www.martyrologiawspolskich.pl.

Dr. Sławomir Mańko

A historian and graduate of the Institute of History at the University of Warsaw, he defended his PhD thesis in 2009. He has worked at the Foundation for the Preservation of Jewish Heritage in Poland (2004–2009), and thereafter at the Archives of the Office of the capital city of Warsaw. He has co-operated in research undertaken by, among others, the Institute of National Remembrance, the Museum of the Polish Peasant Movement, and the Jewish Historical Institute. Sławomir Mańko specializes in the socio-political history of Poland in the 20th century, with a particular focus on the history of Polish rural areas and the issue of national minorities.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

The author of more than ten scientific publications on the history of the Polish peasant movement and the history of Jews, including *Polski ruch ludowy wobec Żydów (1895–1939)* (2010); *Stanisław Mikołajczyk w dokumentach aparatu bezpieczeństwa*, vol. II and III (2010); *Mniejszości narodowe w świetle agrarystycznej wizji Polski opracowanej przez wiciarzy i ludowców (1928–1939)*, in: *Wieś i ruch ludowy w Polsce i Europie*, vol. 1 (2012); *Żydowskie spółdzielnie rzemieślnicze i kredytowe Międzyrzecza Podlaskiego w okresie II Rzeczypospolitej (1918–1939)*, in: "Kwartalnik Historii Żydów", no. 2 (262) (2017).

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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

The Roots of the Modern Japanese Educational System in the Meiji Period, "Hemispheres" vol. 32 (2017); publications on the informational portal of students and graduates of the Institute of the Middle and Far East of the Jagiellonian University: Puls Azji (<http://pulsazji.pl>). She has written, among others, the following analyses and articles: *Sukcesja i abdykacja w Japonii. Ustawa o Domu Cesarskim przed i po wojnie* (2017); *Korea Północna – życie w cieniu świąt* (2017); *Do niebios na żółtym skorupach. Koreańskie ofiary bombardowania w Hiroszimie* (2019).

Dr. Jacek Proszyk

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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Cmentarz żydowski w Bielsku-Białej (The Jewish Cemetery in Bielsko-Biała) (2002); *Salomon Joachim Halberstamm bibliofil* (2009); *Życie według wartości. Żydowscy liberałowie, ortodoksi i syjoniści w Bielsku-Białej* (2012); *150 lat Gminy Wyznaniowej Żydowskiej w Bielsku (150 years of the Jewish Religious Community in Bielsko)* (2015); *The Jewish Cemetery in Oświęcim: History, Symbols, Nature* (co-author together with A. Szyndler) (2018).