

**The Shevchenko Scientific Society of Canada  
& The Oskar Halecki Institute in Canada**

invite you to a public lecture  
by

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**The architects of Polish-Ukrainian relations in the interwar  
period: from the Piłsudski – Petlura alliance to the politics of  
normalization**

*in English*

*Q&A in English, Ukrainian and Polish, followed by  
refreshments & discussion*



Ataman Symon Petlura with Polish General Antoni Listowski in Berdyczów  
during Kiev campaign of 1920

**Thursday May 17, 2018, 7:30 PM  
at St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Shrine  
952 Green Valley Crescent Ottawa**



Alexandra (Ola) Hnatiuk received her PhD in Ukrainian Literature from Warsaw University in 1992. She was a Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute Shklar Fellow in 2001-2002. Dr. Hnatiuk is Professor in Culture Studies at Warsaw University, and since 2010 she is Adjunct Professor at Kyiv Mohyla Academy, Head of the Master's Program in the History Department, Coordinator of the Joint Master's Program of Kyiv Mohyla Academy with Warsaw University. From 2000-2005 she was Associate Professor at OBTA, Warsaw University, and from 1997-2011 she served as Head of the Department of Ukrainian Literature at the Institute of Slavic Languages at the Polish Academy of Sciences.

In 2006-2010, Dr. Aleksandra Hnatiuk served in the Diplomatic Corps of Poland as First-Counsellor, Head of Science, Education and Culture Department at the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Ukraine. She is the recipient of numerous awards, among them, the Polcul Foundation Award for activities aimed at fostering Polish-Ukrainian Cooperation in Culture, Przegląd Wschodni Award in 2004 (Warsaw), Jerzy Giedroyc Award in Humanities in 2004, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin, the Antonovych Foundation Award in 2010, and most recently, the Knight's Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta 5<sup>th</sup> Class in 2012.

## ABSTRACT

The lecture is devoted to events and debates held a century ago, but which evoke heated discussions even today. The centenary of independence celebrated this year by Ukraine and Poland has rekindled many questions: the pride in a successful struggle on the one hand, and a soul searching concerning the failure of the struggle on the other hand (in 1921 in the case of Ukraine, and 1939 in the case of Poland). The focus here is on one aspect of this, namely Polish-Ukrainian mutual understanding as a prerequisite for preserving independence, embodied in the aphorism "There is no independent Poland without an independent Ukraine". Topics to be considered include prometheism (Tadeusz Hołowko and his Ukrainian supporters in Warsaw and Paris), the Jagiellonian idea in historiography (Oskar Halecki's interwar works), and concepts for the normalization of Polish-Ukrainian relations (Wasył Mudryj).

