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PPSY Seminar “Grey Zones of Politics in Asia”, Toruń, May 14, 2019 – A Report

In 2019 there was a sixth edition of International Asian Congress. The event was held on May 15–17 in Toruń, Poland. Except many accompanying events, this year’s edition included numerous seminars. First of them was organized by the Editorial Board of *Polish Political Science Yearbook* and was held on May 15, 2019 in the office of Adam Marszałek Publishing House. The title of the seminar was “Grey Zones of Politics in Asia”.

The assumption behind the event was to invite the most prominent scholars in social sciences who study matters ambiguous from theoretical and practical perspective that occur in Asia. Such a broad topic was giving a chance for many researchers to present their studies. It was also an opportunity for scholars from different universities to exchange their experiences.

The seminar was opened by the members of Editorial Board and invited guest, Marcin Lisiecki, PhD from Nicolaus Copernicus University. First scientific lecture entitled *Grey Zones of Politics as a Theoretical Category* was given by a Secretary of the Board, Bartosz Płotka. Mr. Bartosz introduced the gathered scholars to the theoretical aspects of seminar’s main topic and discussed the multifaceted possibilities of studying grey zones in social sciences. Second lecture was given by Håkan Gunneriusson on *Hybrid Warfare and Deniability as Understood by the Military: South East Asia and Ukraine*. As very practical embodiment of grey zone category, it moved the most recent political events and showed that traditional scientific vocabulary starts to lack terms that would be sufficient to adequately investigate contemporary military activities. After a lively discussion there was a coffee break. Another part of the seminar belonged to Katarzyna Grabowska from Kazimierz Wielki University, who presented her lecture on *Security Problems of Central Asia*. After the lecture there was a heated and long discussion between the participants that eventually led to scientifically fruitful conclusions. The seminar ended after the discussion,

the remaining participants were not able to arrive on time. The event was closed by Marcin Lisiecki who invited the participants for a dinner in an Asian restaurant nearby.

Events like the one mentioned are perfect opportunities for sharing scientific experiences and looking for studied problems from different perspectives. Shortly begin preparations for another International Asian Congress which will be accompanied by another PPSY's seminar for which we warmly invite scholars that want to share their ideas and publish them in the journal.

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