Tomasz Mróz, Ph.D.

Tomasz Mróz (born in 1975, Tarnów, Poland) received his M.A. in philosophy from the Institute of Philosophy, Silesian University – Katowice, Poland. In 1999 he started doctoral studies in philosophy at The Jagiellonian University (Kraków).

In 2000 T. Mróz was appointed as an assistant lecturer at the Institute of Philosophy, Pedagogical University of Zielona Góra. Then in Zielona Góra in 2004 he received his Ph.D. Dissertation title was *Wincenty Lutosławski – a Platonist and Neo-Messianist,* and it was supervised by Professor Ryszard Palacz. Three reviewers (Professors: Tadeusz Bieńkowski, Wit Jaworski and Józef Lipiec) examined this thesis, which finally received an award from The Ministry of Education. In 2004 T. Mróz was appointed as an assistant professor at The Institute of Philosophy, University of Zielona Góra. While working in Zielona Góra T. Mróz has been awarded by the Rector of the University six times, and received scholarships from his home university.

In 2007 T. Mróz was a beneficiary of a conference grant from The Foundation for Polish Science and Warsaw Scientific Society. In 2011 he finished working on the research project: *Plato in Poland 1800-1950* (funded by the Ministry of Science, 2008-2011).

In 2013 T. Mróz pursued research sponsored by Congregatio Resurrectionis on S. Pawlicki manuscripts on Plato. Twice (2013, 2015) he received Erasmus Teaching Staff Mobility Grant and delivered series of lectures (*Selected Issues in the History of Polish Philosophy*) at Philosophical Faculty of Vilnius University (Lithuania).

In February 2014 T. Mróz received postdoctoral degree (habilitation) from Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Silesia, where he passed postdoctoral colloquium, after having his post-doctoral thesis (*Platon w Polsce 1800-1950. Typy recepcji – autorzy – problemy*, 2012 [*Plato in Poland 1800-1950. Types of reception – authors – problems*) examined by four reviewers (Professors Bogdan Dembiński, Stanisław Janeczek, Ewa Starzyńska-Kościuszko and Marian Wesoły).

Later on the same year (September-October) T. Mróz won a Bednarowski Fellowship and was appointed as a visiting fellow at The Centre for Ethics, Philosophy and Public Affairs (CEPPA) of the University of St Andrews with additional affiliation to the School of Classics.

In 2015 (January-June) T. Mróz pursued research in The University of Iowa (Department of Classics) as a Kosciuszko Foundation Fellow.

In 2016 (June-July) T. Mróz examined a collection of documents contributing to Scottish-Polish philosophical relations in Peterhouse Library (Cambridge), sponsored by The Lanckoronski de Brzezie Foundation.

In 2019 a research group headed by T. Mróz was founded in the Institute of Philosophy: "Ancient Filosophy Reception".

In 2017–2021 T. Mróz was granted funding from National Programme for the Development of Humanities (Uniwersalia 2.1) to publish his book in English as *Plato in Poland 1800–1950*. Language editing of the book was done by Una Maclean-Hańćkowiak and the book appeared in Academia Verlag in April 2021.

In 2018–2022 T. Mróz was a principal investigator in a state-funded project of National Science Center (Opus): *Stanisław Lisiecki (1872–1960) – zapomniany znawca Platona i historyk filozofii starożytnej* [*Stanisław Lisiecki (1872–1960) – a Forgotten Expert on Platon and a Historian of Ancient Philosophy*]. Thanks to this project a new book series was established: "Studia i Teksty z Dziejów Recepcji Filozofii Starożytnej" ["Studies and Texts in the Reception of Ancient

Philosophy"]. Editorial board is constituted by Dariusz Kubok, T. Mróz (editor-in-chief), Zbigniew Nerczuk and Artur Pacewicz.

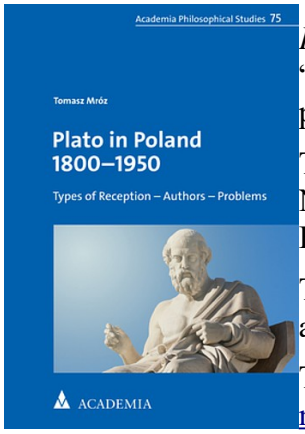
In 2022 Rector of the University of Zielona Góra awarded T. Mróz with "Rector's Grant". In May-June of 2022, at Martin-Luther-Universität Halle, T. Mróz, as Gastprofessor, held a course: *Selected Topics in the History of Philosophy in Poland*. This stay was funded by Aleksander-Brückner-Zentrum für Polenstudien from the funds of Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD).

In 2023-2024 T. Mróz was a part-time research fellow in an International Research Teams Project, *Oral History and the Classics*, led by prof. Jaroslav Daneš in the Philosophical Faculty of the University of Hradec Králové.

In 2025, the Council of Scientific Excellence, after discussing five positive assessments from professors, put forward a successful motion to the President of the Republic of Poland to confer the academic title of professor (*professor ordinarius*, full professor) to T. Mróz.

In 2025-2029 T. Mróz is hired as a *senior researcher* in a project sponsored by the Research Council of Lithuanian and pursued at the Faculty of Philosophy, Vilnius University: *Antikinės filosofijos recepcija XX a. Vilniaus universitete*. Head of the project is doc. dr. Jonas Čiurlionis.

Books in English:

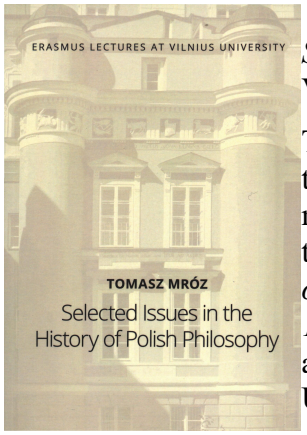


Plato in Poland 1800 – 1950. Types of Reception – Authors – Problems, "Academia Philosophical Studies" 75, Academia Verlag, Baden-Baden 2021, pp. 480.

The book is a final result of a project *Platon in Poland 1800–1950* funded by National Programme for the Development of Humanities (Uniwersalia 2.1). Essential collabor in this project was Una Maclean-Hańćkowiak.

The book is available on the pubblisher's website. As a hard copy or open access pdf file, or in the repository of the University of Zielona Góra.

The book received a review by Luc Brisson, Sylvain Delcomminette, and a note in the "Polish Review".

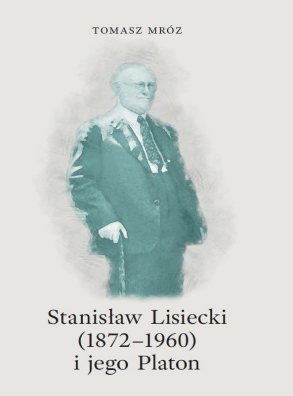


Selected Issues in the History of Polish Philosophy, „Erasmus Lectures at Vilnius University" edited by Nijolė Radavičienė, Vilnius 2016, pp.102.

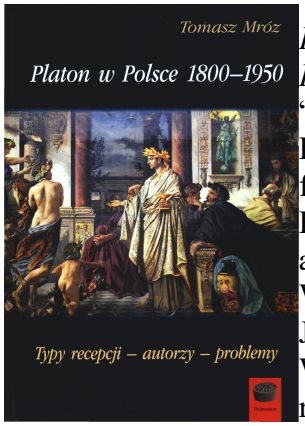
The material for this book stems from lectures prepared for an Erasmus teaching exchange in the Faculty of Philosophy at Vilnius University. The majority of the material was delivered during one-week stays in Vilnius in the autumns of 2013 and 2015. The three lectures are: *"Polish Philosophy" or "Philosophy in Poland"?*; *Plato's Reception in Polish Philosophy (1800-1950)*; *Wincenty Lutosławski's Vilnius Period (1919-1931)*. The book is available in the open access repository of the Faculty of Philosophy, Vilnius University, here.

The book was revied by Carl Humphreys, and discussed by Serhii Yosypenko and Sergii Rudenko, the discussion was further developed by the author.

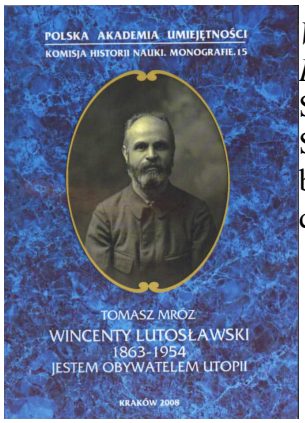
Books (in Polish) **as author:**



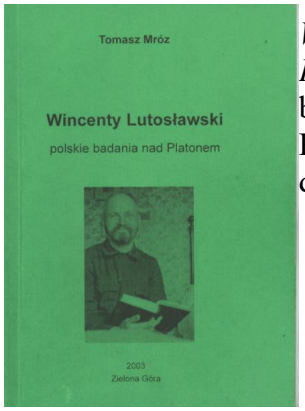
Stanisław Lisiecki (1872–1960) i jego Platon [*Stanisław Lisiecki (1872–1960) and His Plato*]; series "Studies and Texts in the Reception of Ancient Philosophy" vol. II, Marek Derewiecki, Kęty 2022, pp. 150. The book is a final result of a state funded research project. The book consists of two parts. The first presents biography of S. Lisiecki, and the second discusses his partly unpublished works on Plato, on his dialogues, and interpretation of his philosophical evolution. The book was based on documents from private family archive and academic collections of Warsaw and Cracow.



Platon w Polsce 1800-1950. Typy recepcji – autorzy – problemy [*Plato in Poland 1800-1950. Types of Reception – Authors – Problems*]; series "Fundamenta. Studies in the History of Philosophy" vol. LXXIV, Marek Derewiecki, Kęty 2012, pp. 496). The book is the final result of a state funded research project. It brings the philosophical reception of Plato among Polish scholars into focus. The most essential works on Plato by sixteen authors are discussed (A.I. Zabellewicz, J.K. Szaniawski, F.A. Kozłowski, W. Tatarkiewicz, P. Semenenko, B. Limanowski, W. Dzieduszycki, E. Jarra, J. Adamski, S. Pawlicki, W. Potempa, W. Lutosławski, S. Lisiecki, W. Witwicki, Z. Jordan and B. Bornstein) as well as their influence and reception. Contents (in Polish).



Wincenty Lutosławski (1863-1954): Jestem obywatelem utopii [*W. Lutosławski: I am the Citizen of Utopia*], „Commision for the History of Science. Monograph Studies" vol. XV, Polish Academy of Arts and Sciences, Kraków 2008, pp. 291). The book presents Lutosławski's biography, his life as parallel to his philosophical development. Several queries in Polish and foreign archives preceded publishing of this book.



Wincenty Lutosławski – polskie badania nad Platonem (*W. Lutosławski – Polish Studies on Plato*, Zielona Góra 2003, pp. 185). The subject of the book is W. Lutosławski as a historian of philosophy and his studies on Platonic chronology as well as his interpretation of Plato's philosophical development.

Moreover, some books as editor or co-editor, editing modern papers and preparing editions of philosophical typescripts and manuscripts as well as philosophers' letters from the 19th and 20th centuries.

Papers in journals and collective volumes:

Among over 100 papers (most of them in Polish), there are also papers published

in English:

The Only Doctoral Thesis on Ancient Philosophy in the Stephen Bathory University in Vilnius, "Logos" 127 (2026), pp. 32-43.

Plato's Political Works in Nineteenth-Century Polish Thought, in: *Brill's Companion to the Legacy of Greek Political Thought*, eds. D. Carter, R. Foxley, L. Sawyer, Leiden 2025, pp. 335-363.

How to Be an Unsuccessful Ancient Philosophy Scholar in Uneasy Times: The Case of S. Lisiecki (1872-1960), "Peitho. Examina Antiqua", 14 (2023), pp. 125-138.

Polish Translations of Plato's Dialogues from the Beginnings to the Mid-Twentieth Century, "Revue de Philosophie Ancienne", XLI (2023), 2, pp. 375-399.

Józef Jeżowski (1793-1855): a Classics scholar from Vilnius and his Plato between Germany and Russia, or Italy and Lapland, "Logos" 112 (2022), pp. 42-48.

Studies on Plato at the Turn of the 20th Century: A Case of Polish-German Cooperation, in: Science Interconnected: German-Polish Scholarly Entanglements in Modern History, eds. Jan Surman, "Tagungen zur Ostmitteleuropa Forschung" 40, Herder-Institut, Marburg 2022, pp. 151-167.

Letters of Bertrand Russell and Wincenty Lutosławski on Immortality, Matter and Plato, "Russell. Journal of the Bertrand Russell Studies", 40, 2020, iss. 1, pp. 27-42.

Lewis Campbell's Studies on Plato and their Philosophical Significance, in: *Platonism and its Legacy*, eds. John F. Finamore, Tomáš Nejeschleba, Bream, UK, 2019, pp. 387-404.

Historiography of Philosophy and National Tradition. Some reflections on the basis of discussions on the history of Polish philosophy, "Гуманітарні студії" 31, 2018, pp. 81-93.

Plato's Reception in Polish Philosophy (1800–1950): An Outline, "Платоновские исследования / Platonic Investigations" 9.2 (2018), pp. 158-180.

Scottish-Polish Cooperation on Plato at the Turn of the Twentieth Century, "Journal of Scottish Philosophy" vol. 16 (2018), 2, pp. 125-145.

Polish Studies on Plato under the Oppression of Censorship: Lutosławski – Lisiecki – Witwicki, in: *Censorship, Politics and Oppression*, eds.: Marta Maciejewska, Wojciech Owczarski, Gdańsk 2018, pp. 137-148.

Reply to the Paper "National Philosophy as a Subject of Comparative Research", "Sententiae" 2018, 37 (1), pp. 130-135.

Wincenty Lutosławski Platonic Studies: Plato as an inspiration for Polish Messianism, in: *Metaphysical Patterns in Platonism: Ancient, Medieval, Renaissance, and Modern Times*, eds.: John F. Finamore, Robert M. Berchman, Wiltshire 2014 [new & improved edition of the book first published in New Orleans, 2007], pp. 185-198.

Plato in Polish Philosophy and Literature, 1800-1950, „Classics Library Journal" 2014: *Classical Reception in Classics Teaching*, pp. 38-41 (full text {html} on journal's website, or the whole volume, here as well).

The Reception of Schleiermacher's View on Plato in 19th Century Poland, in: *Literary, Philosophical, and Religious Studies in the Platonic Tradition. Papers from the 7th Annual Conference of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies*, eds.: John F. Finamore, John Phillips, Sankt Augustin 2013, pp. 179-189.

On the Reception of Plato's Political Ideas in Polish Philosophy of the First Half of the Twentieth Century, „Problemos" 2012, vol. 81, pp. 124-130 (full text on the journal's website, or here).

Some Remarks on the Nineteenth Century Studies of the Euthyphro in Poland, „Peitho. Examina Antiqua" 1/2011 (2), p. 191-202 (full text).

Book review: [Czesław Głombik. *Husserl und die Polen. Frühgeschichte einer Rezeption*, translated from the Polish by Christoph Schatte. „Orbis Phaenomenologicus. Quellen. Neue Folge" no. 3, Würzburg: Könighausen & Neumann, 2011. Pp. IX+210] „Phenomenological Inquiry. A Review of Philosophical Ideas and Trends" vol. XXXV, October 2011: *Towards the Skies*, p. 147-153.

„Philebus" Interpreted by Paul Natorp and Wincenty Lutosławski, in: *Plato's „Philebus". Selected Papers from the Eighth Symposium Platonicum*, eds.: John Dillon, Luc Brisson, „International Plato Studies" vol. 26, Sankt Augustin 2010, pp. 382-389 (abstract: „The Philosopher's Index" 2010 vol. 44, no. 3, p. 519).

Wincenty Lutosławski Platonic Studies: Plato as an inspiration for Polish Messianism, in: *Metaphysical Patterns in Platonism: Ancient, Medieval, Renaissance, and Modern Times*, eds.: John F. Finamore, Robert M. Berchman, New Orleans 2007, pp. 225-240.

in Ukrainian:

З листування Казимира Твардовського та Вінсента Лютославського, „Філософскі Пошуки", вип. XIX, Львив-Одеса 2005, p. 193-202.

in Lithuanian:

Vienintelė daktaro disertacija apie antikos filosofiją Stepono Batoro universitete Vilniuje, transl. N. Stasiulis, "Logos" 127 (2026), pp. 22-32.

Lenkų filosofija Vilniuje: žingsnis detalios analizės link [book review: *Filozofia na Uniwersytecie Stefana Batorego*, ed. J. Pawlak. Toruń 2002], „Problemos" 2005, vol. 67, p. 125-130 (full text).

The full list of the publications (also in Polish) is here.

Papers delivered at conferences and seminars:

Among ca. 130 papers and lectures (most of them delivered in Polish), there are also papers and presentations delivered in English:

2026: June 3rd-7th, Leuven, paper *Vitello's Theory of Daemons. Platonic Inspirations in a Naturalistic Treatment*, at 23rd Annual Conference of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, co-organised by Katholieke Universiteit Leuven; chairing a panel *Medieval Platonism*.

May 11th-15th, Vilnius: series of lectures on the history of philosophy at the Philosophical Faculty of Vilnius University (Erasmus Teaching Staff Mobility Grant).

March 23rd, Zielona Góra, a lecture *The Philosopher Witelo of Legnica and His Scholarly Theory of Demons* for the Erasmus+ students during a meeting of *Blended Intensive Program: Interference Patterns: Science and Culture in Dialogue*.

2025: June 9th-11th, Saint Louis (Missouri), paper *Florentine Platonism between Ideology and World War II: The Case of Bohdan Kieszkowski (1904-1997)* in the panel: *Studying Renaissance Literature and Philosophy Through New Eyes at the* XII Annual Symposium on Medieval and Renaissance Studies organised by Saint Louis University.

April 22nd-26th, Hradec Králové: lectures on the history of philosophy at the Philosophical Faculty of the University of Hradec Králové (Erasmus Teaching Staff Mobility Grant).

2024: June 19th-22nd, Dublin, paper *Paul Shorey as a Plato Scholar and his Influences from Ralph Waldo Emerson*, in the panel: *Transcendental Echoes: Neoplatonism's Influence on American Renaissance Thought*, at the 21st Annual Conference of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies, co-organised by Trinity College Dublin.

June 1st-2nd, Hradec Králové, paper: *Plato in post-war Poland. Continuities and novelty*, at the conference *Classics: the Past, the Present and the Future*, organised by the Philosophical Faculty of the University of Hradec Králové (participation funded as a part of the project of the International Research Teams FF UHK: *Oral History and the Classics*).

April 16th-20th, Vilnius: series of lectures on the history of philosophy at the Philosophical Faculty of Vilnius University (Erasmus Teaching Staff Mobility Grant).

2023: September 28-20th, Broumov (Czech Republic), a lecture *Their Futures, Our Past. How Polish Hegelians and Messianists of the 19th Century Imagined the Future of Humanity* for t he participants of Summer School of Philosophy (Letní škola filosofie) held by the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Hradec Králové (funded by UHK).

August 17-18th, Tilburg, paper in co-operation with Paweł Polak (The Pontifical University of John Paul II in Kraków) *The Early Reception of Russell's Philosophy among Polish Philosophers – a Diversity of Perspectives* at the sixth annual *History of Analytic Philosophy Workshop*: *The Global Reception of Russell's Scientific Philosophy*, organised by Tilburg Center for Moral Philosophy, Epistemology and Philosophy of Science.

June 14th-17th, Catania, paper *The Timaeus and Three Scholars of One Generation: P. Natorp, P. Shorey and W. Lutosławski* at the 20th annual conference of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies in co-operation with Università degli Studi di Catania.

April 18th-22nd, Vilnius: series of lectures on the history of philosophy at the Philosophical Faculty of Vilnius University (Erasmus Teaching Staff Mobility Grant).

2022: May 12th-June 12th, Halle, Martin-Luther-Universität, a full academic course: *Selected Topics in the History of Philosophy in Poland* (Gastprofessur was funded by Aleksander-Brückner-Zentrum für Polenstudien from the funds of Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst: DAAD).

June 1st, Halle, paper *Plato's Adventures with Censorship in Poland* at Interdisziplinäre Kolloquium Osteuropäische Geschichte / Polenstudien, Martin-Luther-Universität (stay in Halle was funded by Aleksander-Brückner-Zentrum für Polenstudien from the funds of Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst: DAAD).

2021: June 10th-12th, „virtual" Athens, chairing the session *Plato's Reception in Modern (Historiography of) Philosophy (from the 18th century until now)* and delivering a paper *World War II and Plato in Stalinist Poland* at the 18th annual (virtual) conference of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies.

2019: September 30th-October 10th, Київ, series of open lectures on the history of Polish philosophy at Філософський факультет Київського національного університету імені Тараса Шевченка. Lectures were devoted to methodological discussions, Witello, W. Tatarkiewicz, and to Plato's reception in Polish philosophy (stay in Київ was co-funded by Київський національний університет, філософський факультет, and by Ministry of Science and Higher Education within the framework of „Narodowy Program Rozwoju Humanistyki" 2017-2020 nr. 21H 16 0065 84).

2018: August 28th-30th, Санкт-Петербург, paper: *Plato Reception in Polish Philosophy 1800-1950. An Outline* during the regional meeting of International Plato Society and XXVI international conference *The Universe of Platonic Thought – Универсум платоновской мысли* organized by Российский государственный педагогический университет им. А. И. Герцена, Русской христианской гуманистической академией oraz Платоновское философское общество (participation in the conference was sponsored by Ministry of Science and Higher Education within the framework of „Narodowy Program Rozwoju Humanistyki" 2017-2020 nr. 21H 16 0065 84).

April 18th, Київ: paper: *Plato and Totalitarianism: Two Polish post-war Interpretations* during the workshop *Leaving Totalitarianism Behind: Cultural Practices in Central and Eastern Europe* organized by Київський національний університет імені Тараса Шевченка, University of Zielona Góra and International Society of Philosophy and Cosmology (stay in Київ was co-funded by Київський національний університет, філософський факультет).

April 17th, Київ, Київський національний університет імені Тараса Шевченка, open lecture for students and staff of філософський факультет: *History of Polish Philosophy as a Research and Study Subject* (stay in Київ was co-funded by Київський національний університет, філософський факультет).

April 12th, Bruxelles: lecture: *Between Dialogues and Systems: Paul Shorey – Wincenty Lutosławski Controversy on Plato* at the cyclic seminar LilLiBru (Lille–Liège–Bruxelles) held at Université libre de Bruxelles. Participation in the seminar was in most part sponsored by Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique – FNRS (Fédération Wallonie–Bruxelles).

2017: June 14th-17th, Olomouc, paper: *Lewis Campbell's Studies on Plato and their Philosophical Significance* at the 15th annual conference of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies in conjunction with Univerzita Palackého v Olomouci.

March 10th-11th, Gdańsk, paper: *Polish Studies on Plato under the Oppression of Censorship* at the conference *Censorship, Politics and Oppression* organised by University of Gdańsk.

2015: November 30th-December 4th, Vilnius: series of lectures *Selected Issues in the History of Polish Philosophy* at the Philosophical Faculty of Vilnius University (Erasmus Teaching Staff Mobility Grant).

October 28th-30th, Marburg, paper: *Polish-German Cooperation in Studies on Plato at the Turn of the 20th Century* at the seminar: *Entangled Science? Relocating German-Polish Scientific Relations* organised by Herder Institut, Leibniz Association and Polish Academy of Sciences (financed by Herder Institut).

April 16th, Iowa City, lecture *Plato. The Subject of the First Direct Polish-American Dispute in Philosophy* within the Colloquium series in the Department of Classics, The University of Iowa (sponsored by the Kosciuszko Foundation).

2014: October 24th, St Andrews, paper *Scottish-Polish Cooperation on Plato at the Turn of 19th and 20th Centuries* within weekly Research Seminar held at The School of Classics, University of St Andrews (financed by Bednarowski Trust).

October 20th, St Andrews, lecture *Lewis Campbell's Studies of Plato and their Influence on Polish Philosophy* within weekly meetings of St Andrews Philosophy Society, University of St Andrews (financed by Bednarowski Trust). Participant's reflections were published in „The Interpreter. St Andrews' Modern Languages Magazine" and can be found here.

October 8th, St Andrews: introduction to and chairing discussion on Tom Sorell's paper *On Saying No to History of Philosophy* within weekly meetings of Moral Philosophy Reading Group in The Department of Philosophy, University of St Andrews (financed by Bednarowski Trust).

2013: November 2nd-9th, Vilnius: series of lectures *Selected Issues in the History of Polish Philosophy* at the Philosophical Faculty of Vilnius University (Erasmus Teaching Staff Mobility Grant), one of the lectures was open to public and was announced here.

2010: August 2nd-7th, Tokyo: paper *Reception of Plato's „Republic" and his Political Ideas in Polish Philosophy* at IXth Symposium Platonicum organized by International Plato Society and Keio University (participation in the conference was financed from the funds for scientific research in the years 2008-2010 as project no. NN 101 116435).

2009: June 17th-21st, Kraków: chairing the session *Modern Platonisms* and delivering paper *Polish Reception and Criticism of Schleiermacher's View on Plato* at the VIIth annual conference of the International Society for Neoplatonic Studies in cooperation with Jesuit University of Philosophy and Education (participation in the conference was financed from the funds for scientific research in the years 2008-2010 as project no. NN 101 116435).

2007: July 23rd-28th, Dublin: paper *Philebus Interpreted by Paul Natorp and Wincenty Lutosławski* at VIII Symposium Platonicum organized by International Plato Society, Trinity College, Centre for the Study of the Platonic Tradition (participation in the Symposium was in 60% financed by The Foundation for Polish Science and Warsaw Scientific Society).

June 14th-16th, Helsinki: paper *Plato's Works Interpreted by the Representatives of the Neo-scholastic Movement in Poland* at the annual conference of International Society for Neoplatonic Studies in cooperation with Helsingin Yliopisto: *Both One and Not One*. The paper was delivered within the panel *19th Century Influences*.

2006: July 24th-29th, Malta: paper *Polish Messianism and the Vision of United Europe*, within section *The Visions of United Europe since the Renaissance* at the Xth conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas, in cooperation with University of Malta, Foundation for International Studies: *The European Mind: Narrative and Identity.*

2005: June 22nd-26th, New Orleans (LA): paper *Plato as an Inspiration for Polish Messianism* at the annual Neoplatonic Conference organized by The International Society for Neoplatonic Studies (USA) and The University Press of the South.