



**“THE BEST WAY TO PREDICT THE FUTURE IS TO CREATE IT”
THE NEXT 100 YEARS OF RELATIONS WITH THE U.S.
– THE CASE STUDY OF POLAND**

**CONFERENCE DRAFT AGENDA
WASHINGTON, D.C., SEPTEMBER 26-27, 2019**

On September 26-27, 2019 in Washington, D.C. the Kulski Foundation is holding a conference entitled *“The Best Way to Predict the Future is to Create it” – the next 100 years of relations with the U.S. – the case study of Poland.* The conference is carried out in partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland under a grant obtained in the competition “Public Diplomacy 2019”.

The current Polish-American relations are the best in decades, especially in such areas as trade, security and international policy. Polish economy has been experiencing a period of great prosperity, with a 5 percent GDP growth last year, which puts Poland among the world leaders of economic development. Although experts anticipate a global slowdown this year, the Polish economy will continue to grow rapidly. In 2017, Poland allocated 1.03% of its GDP to research and development and maintains an upward trend in financing innovation.

Economic growth also has a positive impact on defense, which, within the realm of international relations, is a guarantee of greater security on NATO’s eastern flank. Poland continues to strengthen NATO’s eastern flank, allocating 2.05% of the national GDP (in 2018) to finance the country’s defense capabilities. With 26.5% of the defense budget being spent on military equipment upgrades, Poland ranks 7 among the NATO largest defense budgets, i.e. the organization’s member that have achieved or exceeded the 2% spending target.

The centenary of Polish-American diplomatic relations is a good time for a debate on how to maintain and drive economic growth by focusing on relations between the two countries. The main goal of the conference is to address the challenges to and opportunities for future Polish-American trade, energy, defense and political cooperation. With this in mind, we are inviting 150-200 prominent business figures, government representatives, Members of Congress, scientists and experts to participate in the debate.



The Kulski Foundation is one of the largest non-profit organizations that promote patriotism and raise awareness of national security challenges, which are two key aspects of Polish-American relations. The Foundation is a member of the American Chamber of Commerce in Poland (AmCham). It works to provide broad education on security, defense, civic culture and Polish history. The Foundation was established by Professor **Julian Eugeniusz Kulski**, son of Julian Spitosław

Kulski, Mayor of occupied Warsaw. Professor Kulski is a Home Army soldier and Warsaw Insurgent, decorated with the Commander's Cross with Star of the Order of Polonia Restituta by the Polish President. Since the end of World War Two, Professor Kulski has been living in the United States, actively supporting the development of Polish-American relations. Julian Kulski taught at many top universities across the world, including the United States Military Academy at West Point and the Daniel Morgan Graduate School of National Security (DMGS) in Washington, D.C., where he is still a member of the Board of Trustees. Professor Kulski is among the few Poles admitted as members of the prestigious Society of the Cincinnati. He was also Director of the Kosciuszko Foundation in New York City and supervised educational and cultural projects in Asia, South America, Africa and Europe as an expert of the World Bank.

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AGENDA (DRAFT)

September 26, 2019
Willard Intercontinental Hotel
1401 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20004

DAY 1

THE POTENTIAL OF POLISH-AMERICAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION – A WORKSHOP SEGMENT

3:30-4:45 p.m. WORKSHOP ON BATTLEFIELD MEDICINE

organized by the Department of the Military Health Service of the Ministry of National Defense

5:00-7:30 p.m. STRATEGIC WORKSHOPS

AREAS OF FOCUS:

- *“The development of security in the area of Poland and the eastern flank of NATO as a factor determining the development of the military industry and national defense potential”*
Moderator: Andrzej Talaga, Warsaw Enterprise Institute
 - R&D and healthcare – *„Research and development in the health sector - directions of PL-U.S. cooperation”*
Moderator: Radosław Sierpiński, President of the Medical Research Agency
 - Space – *“How Poland and the United States can work together in further exploration of space”*
 - MG (Ret.) Mirosław Hermaszewski, cosmonaut
 - Jose Morey, NASA iTech
 - Maciej Misiura, space sector expert, former Director of Polish Space Agency
 - Stefan Cichowski, My Space Love Story, conference organizer
 - Brendan Curry, Chief of Washington D.C. Operations, Planetary Society
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TARGETS:

- **number of participants:** max. 40/workshop
- participants: representatives of selected industries, think-tanks, public administration and business from Poland and the United States

GOALS:

- Create a networking platform to share best practices in areas of focus
- Establish business relationships
- Develop trade between Poland and the United States

7:30-9:00 p.m.

WELCOME COCKTAIL

September 27, 2019

**Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center
1300 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC 20004**

DAY 2

**THE CONFERENCE “THE BEST WAY TO PREDICT THE FUTURE IS TO
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8:00-9:00 a.m.

REGISTRATION

9:00-9:30 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONY

- Ambassador of Poland to United States Piotr Wilczek
- Representative of the United States of America

9:30-10:30 a.m.

PANEL 1. POLISH-AMERICAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Polish-American trade relations have never been better, which is partly a consequence of the booming Polish economy recording a 5 percent GDP growth last year. The continuous economic development of Poland has been and will be a strong incentive for international investors, including investors from the United States.



1. **Keynote speech – Tomasz Wróblewski, the President, Warsaw Enterprise Institute**
2. **Keynote speech – United States Chamber of Commerce (TBC)**
3. **Expert debate**
Moderator: Tomasz Wróblewski, the President, Warsaw Enterprise Institute
 - Eric Stewart, President of U.S.-Poland Business Council and American-Central European Business Association
 - Piotr Dardziński, President of the Łukasiewicz Research Network
 - Michał Fijoł, Member of the Board, LOT Polish Airlines
 - Polish Investment and Trade Agency (TBC)

10:30-10:45 a.m. COFFEE BREAK

10:45-11:45 a.m. PANEL 2. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN HEALTHCARE AND BIOTECHNOLOGY - A CHANCE FOR POLISH AND AMERICAN ECONOMIES

With its excellent research and clinical infrastructure and highly qualified personnel, Poland has the potential to be one of the top European providers of clinical research services. A key role in this area is played by the Medical Research Agency, which supports research and development in medical and health sciences and in the area of medical technologies, including research on management and optimization of the healthcare system. Close cooperation with U.S. partners provides an opportunity to access best clinical and research practices and results of scientific research performed by recognized American institutions.

1. **Keynote speech – Radosław Sierpiński, President of the Medical Research Agency**
2. **Keynote speech by a representative of the United States**



3. Expert debate

- Radosław Sierpiński, acting President of the Medical Research Agency
- Maciej Miłkowski, Vice Minister, Ministry of Health
- Piotr Dardziński, President of the Łukasiewicz Research Network
- Eric Stewart, President of U.S.-Poland Business Council and American-Central European Business Association
- Matt O'Mara, Vice President for International Affairs, Biotechnology Innovation Organization
- Michele Satterlund, Partner, McGuireWoods Consulting LLC
- Krzysztof Wojciechowski, Board Member, U.S.-Poland Business Council

Special comments: Tomasz Latos, Chairman of the Health Committee

11:45 a.m.-12:00

COFFEE BREAK

12:00-1:00 p.m.

PANEL 3. MODERNIZATION OF POLISH ARMED FORCES AND CHALLENGES RELATED TO TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. HOW CAN WE EFFECTIVELY COOPERATE IN THE FIELD OF DEFENSE?

Poland continues to strengthen NATO's eastern flank, allocating more than 2% of the GDP to defense and upgrades of military equipment. In 2017-2026, the Polish Ministry of National Defence will spend approximately \$50 billion on the modernization of the Polish Armed Forces. Several programs are already underway, but is the Polish defense industry ready? What is the capacity of the Polish defense industry to implement them, independently or in partnership with key global players? Should technology transfer opportunities be a key factor behind the decisions that are made?

1. **Keynote speech by Tomasz Zdzikot, Vice Minister, Ministry of National Defence**
2. **Keynote speech – The representative of the United States of an appropriate rank to Minister of National Defence (TBC)**



3. Expert debate

Moderator: Marek Świerczyński, Polityka Insight

- Ray Wójcik, Director, Center for European Policy Analysis Warsaw
- Professor Hubert Królikowski, director of the Department of Defense Analysis, Chancellery of the Prime Minister
- Representative of Army Future Command – Program F35 (TBC)
- MG John Gronski, former Vice Commander U.S. Army Europe
- John Venable, Senior Research Fellow for Defense Policy, The Heritage Foundation
- MG (Ret.) Richard Hayes, former Illinois National Guard Adjutant General (TBC)
- Richard Aboulafia, Vice President, Teal Group Corporation

1:00-2:15 p.m.

LUNCH

2:15-3:15 p.m.

PANEL 4. INVESTMENT POTENTIAL OF THE POLISH ENERGY POLICY

Participants in the debate will attempt to compare changes in the U.S. and European energy sector and discuss how energy policies have changed over the last 30 years. While analyzing the changes, the panelists will reflect on the ownership structure in power and heat engineering in individual states. The participants will review technological capabilities of Polish energy companies and their ability to use the latest American technologies.

1. Keynote speech – prof. Jarosław Gryz, Vice-Rector of War Studies University

2. Keynote speech by a US representative

3. Expert debate

Moderator: Bogdan Pilch, Director General, Polish Chamber of Power Industry and Environment Protection

- Paweł Borys, President, Polish Development Fund
- Representative of a Polish energy company (TBC)
- Alexander Whittington, International Affairs at Cheniere Energy, Inc.
- Jack Spencer, Vice President, The Heritage Foundation
- Réka Szemerényi, Executive Vice President, Center for European Policy Analysis



3:15-3:30 p.m. COFFEE BREAK

3:30-4:30 p.m. PANEL 5. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. DOES POLAND HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE UNITED STATES?

Given the rich tradition of partnership and special transatlantic relations, Poland is considered a bridge between the U.S. and European Union. Given the shift in European-American relations dictated by different geopolitical priorities, is it possible to maintain the status quo, or will Poland be forced to pick sides?

- 1. Keynote speech – Jose Morey, Nasa iTech**
- 2. Keynote speech – Peter Doran, President of the Center for European Policy Analysis**
- 3. Expert debate**

Moderator: Marcin Nowacki, Vice President, Union of Entrepreneurs and Employers

- Daniel Fried, United States Ambassador to Poland 1997-2000
- Dr Jacek Bartosiak, expert in geopolitics and strategy
- Dr George Friedman, CEO, Geopolitical Futures
- Tomasz Wróblewski, President, Warsaw Enterprise Institute

4:30-5:00 p.m. LESSONS LEARNED

7:00-9:00 p.m. EVENING RECEPTION AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE POLISH AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
