



PROGRAM

27th PPSY Seminar, “Political Leadership in Times of Crisis”

Toruń, May 20, 2026

Gallery 44, Lubicka 44 St.

Agenda framework:

10:00-12:00 Panel 1

12:30-14:30 Panel 2

15:00 Lunch

Detailed agenda:

9:30 Registration opens

10:00 Launch of the seminar

Chair: Prof. Jarosław Nocoń, University of Gdańsk

Panel 1

10:00 Prof. Jarosław Nocoń (University of Gdańsk)

Leadership as a Function of Power

10:15 Prof. Sławomir Czapnik (University of Opole)

Leadership in Times of Retrotopia

10:30 Prof. Filip Pierzchalski (University of Warsaw)

Leadership Without Ethics as a Manifestation of Political Crisis

10:45 Prof. Michał Kosman (Kazimierz Wielki University in Bydgoszcz)

The Role of Konrad Adenauer in the Construction of the Sovereignty of the Federal Republic of Germany

11:00 Dr. Dominik Bień (University of Gdańsk)

Student Leadership in an Authoritarian System: The Case of Political Crises in the Polish People's Republic

11:15 Dr. Kornel Bielawski (University of Gdańsk)

Image-Based Leadership Strategies of Prabowo Subianto in Response to Social Protests in Indonesia

11:30 Dr. Adam Ilciów (University of Zielona Góra)

The Role of Local Executive Authorities in Building Urban Resilience



11:45-12:00 Discussion
12:00-12:30 Coffee break

Panel 2

- 12:30 Prof. Karolina Tybuchowska-Hartlińska (University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn)
Leadership at the Local Level
- 12:45 Prof. Maciej Hartliński (University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn)
Presidential Leadership in Times of Crisis
- 13:00 Dr. Aleksandra Raba-Schulze, Dr. Dorota Kowalewska (University of Szczecin), *Women's Leadership in European Populist Movements: Crisis Narratives and the Legitimation of Power in Comparative Perspective*
- 13:15 Prof. Jacek Ziółkowski (University of Warsaw)
Political Leaders of Modern Poland: A Terror Management Theory (TMT) Perspective
- 13:30 Wojciech Giernat, MA (University of Gdańsk)
The Platonic Archetype of the Philosopher-King in the History of Socialist Movements
- 13:45 Mateusz Kufliński, MA (Pomeranian University in Słupsk)
Leadership Dilemmas in Light of the Crisis on the Polish–Belarusian Border
- 14:15-14:30 Discussion
15:00 Lunch