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**Showcasing the extraordinary  
achievements of the proponents of  
Polish modernism from the 1890s  
to 1918, this ground-breaking book  
brings together pioneering  
research with beautiful imagery.**

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**Młoda Polska, or Young Poland, embraced the integration of fine and applied arts, motivated by a desire to establish a distinctive national style at a time of political uncertainty. Patriotic values were expressed through a diverse visual language that was fuelled by**

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**national identity, but also looked  
beyond Poland to Western Europe  
and the influences of  
Impressionism, Expressionism,  
Symbolism, Art Nouveau, while also  
displaying parallels with the British  
Arts and Crafts Movement. Young  
Poland's painting has been**

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**discussed within an international arena, but its decorative arts and architecture has yet to enjoy broad exposure. Here, for the first time, the considerable achievements of the movement's applied artists will be discussed, both from a national and international perspective.**

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**Highlighting Young Poland's  
integration of fine and decorative  
arts, the movement's ideological,  
stylistic and formal commonalities  
with British Arts and Crafts, and the  
vision of Ruskin and Morris, will be  
drawn out to provide fascinating  
insights for Western and Eastern**

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audiences alike.

This book is an examination of why  
and how the elective principle,  
already established in  
Transylvanian and Polish political  
culture in the late medieval period,  
was transformed in the early  
elections of the 1570s. In this

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period, the two polities adopted constitutional arrangements different in depth and scope but based on the same fundamental principles: elective thrones, state-sanctioned religious pluralism, and constitutional guarantees for the right of disobedience. There were



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**important variations in their  
regulation and application, but  
Transylvania and the newly created  
Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth  
had one essential thing in common:  
they were the only two polities in  
early modern Europe whose  
political systems secured the**

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succession of their rulers through  
large-scale elections in which the  
dynastic principle, although still  
important, was not binding.  
Since 2015, Poland's populist Law  
and Justice Party (PiS) has been  
dismantling the major checks and  
balances of the Polish state and

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subordinating the courts, the civil  
service, and the media to the will of  
the executive. Political rights have  
been radically restricted, and the  
Party has captured the entire state  
apparatus. The speed and depth of  
these antidemocratic movements  
took many observers by surprise:

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**until now, Poland was widely regarded as an example of a successful transitional democracy. Poland's anti-constitutional breakdown poses three questions that this book sets out to answer: What, exactly, has happened since 2015? Why did it happen? And what**

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are the prospects for a return to liberal democracy? These answers are formulated against a backdrop of current worldwide trends towards populism, authoritarianism, and what is sometimes called 'illiberal democracy'. As this book argues,

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**the Polish variant of 'illiberal  
democracy' is an oxymoron. By  
undermining the separation of  
powers, the PiS concentrates all  
power in its own hands, rendering  
any democratic accountability  
illusory. There is, however, no  
inevitability in these anti-**

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**democratic trends: this book  
considers a number of possible  
remedies and sources of hope,  
including intervention by the  
European Union.**

**This volume tells the story of the  
formation of the Polish-Lithuanian  
union: a consensual, decentralised,**

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multinational, and religiously plural  
state built from below as much as  
from above, that was founded by  
peaceful negotiation, not war and  
conquest.

What makes countries rich? What  
makes countries poor? Europe's  
Growth Champion: Insights from



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**the Economic Rise of Poland seeks to answer these questions, and many more, through a study of one of the biggest, and least heard about, economic success stories. Over the last twenty-five years Poland has transitioned from a perennially backward, poor, and**

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peripheral country to unexpectedly  
join the ranks of the world's high  
income countries. Europe's Growth  
Champion is about the lessons  
learned from Poland's remarkable  
experience, the conditions that  
keep countries poor, and the  
challenges that countries need to

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face in order to grow. It defines a  
new growth model that Poland and  
its Eastern European peers need to  
adopt in order to continue to grow  
and catch up with their Western  
counterparts. Europe's Growth  
Champion emphasizes the  
importance of the fundamental

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**sources of growth -- institutions,  
culture, ideas, and leaders -- in  
economic development. It argues  
that a shift from an extractive  
society, where the few rule for the  
benefit of the few, to an inclusive  
society, where many rule for the  
benefit of many, was the key to**

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**Poland's success. It asserts that a newly emerged inclusive society will support further convergence of Poland and the rest of Central and Eastern Europe with the West, and help to sustain the region's Golden Age. It also acknowledges the future challenges that Poland**

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faces, and that moving to the core  
of the European economy will  
require further reforms and  
changes in Poland's developmental  
character.

Poland is a tenacious survivor-  
state: it was wiped off the map in  
1795, resurrected after the First

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World War, apparently annihilated  
again in the Second World War, and  
reduced to satellite status of the  
Soviet Union after 1945. Yet it  
emerged in the vanguard of  
resistance to the USSR in the  
1980s, albeit as a much more  
homogeneous entity than it had

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been in its multi-ethnic past. This  
book outlines Poland's turbulent  
and complex history, from its  
medieval Christian origins to the  
reassertion of that Christian and  
European heritage after forty-five  
years of communism. It describes  
Poland's transformation since 1989,



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and explains how Poland navigated  
its way into a new Commonwealth  
of Nations in the European Union.  
Recent years have witnessed  
significant changes within Poland,  
Eastern Europe and the wider  
world. This new edition reflects on  
these changes, and examines the

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**current issues facing a Poland  
which some would accuse of being  
out of touch with 'European values'.  
This volume of essays and  
interviews by Polish, British, and  
American academics and  
journalists provides an overview of  
current Polish politics for both**

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informed and non-specialist  
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readers. The essays consider why  
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and how PiS, Law and Justice, the  
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party of Jarosław Kaczyński,  
returned to power, and the why and  
how of its policies while in power.  
They help to make sense of how  
“history” plays a key role in Polish

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public life and politics. The  
descriptions of PiS in Western  
media tend to rework old  
stereotypes about Eastern Europe  
that had lain dormant for some  
time. The book addresses the  
underlying question whether PiS  
was simply successful in

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understanding its electorate, and  
just helped Poland to revert to its  
normal state. This new Normal  
seems quite similar to the old one:  
insular, conservative, xenophobic,  
and statist. The book looks at the  
current struggle between one  
'Poland' and another; between a

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**Western-looking Poland and an  
inward-looking Poland, the former  
more interested in opening to the  
world, competing in open markets,  
and working within the EU, and the  
latter more concerned with holding  
onto tradition. The question of  
illiberalism has gone from an**

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**'Eastern' problem (Russia, Turkey,  
Hungary, etc.) to a global one  
(Brexit and the U.S. elections). This  
makes the very specific analysis of  
Poland's illiberalism applicable on  
a broader scale.**

**The second edition of this guide to  
Poland has been updated to take**

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account of the years from  
1989–2005. This period marked its  
liberation from the Soviet Union,  
the birth of Poland's 'Third  
Republic' and, recently, its  
accession to the European Union in  
2004. Poland's history has been  
marked by its resilience. Once a



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**dominant force in central and  
eastern Europe and home to a  
remarkable experiment in  
consensual politics, it was excised  
from the map by its neighbours in  
1795. Resurrected in 1918,  
partitioned afresh during the  
Second World War, it survived to**

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become a satellite of the Soviet  
Union. Yet in the 1980s, it was  
Poland which blazed the trail in  
casting off communism, and was  
finally able to reassert its Christian  
heritage. With its updated  
bibliography and new chronology,  
the book is the ideal companion for

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**designed to amplify major  
figures, moments,  
milestones, and turning  
points in Polish history.  
These include important  
battles and illustrious  
individuals, alliances forged**

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**by marriages and choices of  
religious denomination, and  
meditations on the likes of  
the Polish battle slogan "for  
our freedom and yours" that  
resounded during the Polish  
fight for independence in**

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the long 19th century and  
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echoed in the Solidarity  
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period of the late 20th  
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century. -- From dust jacket.  
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and examines the social and  
political life of the country.



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**When Adam Zamoyski first  
wrote his history of Poland,  
in the 1980s, the country  
was in a state of  
subjugation, its living  
culture largely surviving  
only underground or in**

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**exile. Although the election  
of Karol Wojty<sup>?</sup>a as Pope  
John Paul II and the dramatic  
rise of Solidarno?? had  
brought Poland into the  
world's consciousness, it  
was not until the collapse of**

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**the Soviet empire in 1989  
that it returned to life as a  
political entity. No nation's  
history has been so  
distorted as that of Poland.  
In 1797 Russia, Prussia and  
Austria divided the country**

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**up among themselves,  
rewriting history to give the  
impression that Poland had  
never been a fully sovereign  
state, only a backwater that  
needed civilising. In fact the  
country they had wiped off**

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**the map had been one of the  
largest and most richly  
varied in Europe, embracing  
a wide variety of cultural  
and religious traditions,  
accommodated within one of  
the boldest constitutional**

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**experiments ever  
attempted. Its destruction  
initiated a series of  
struggles that culminated in  
the two world wars and the  
Cold War. Today, after the  
turmoil of the past two**

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centuries, Poland has been  
restored to its rightful place  
as one of the most  
homogeneous and vigorous  
nations of Europe. Adam  
Zamoyski's full revision of  
his classic history is

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perfectly timed.  
Memoirs of a Jew born in  
1920 in Warsaw; in 1930 he  
and his parents emigrated  
to the USA. Ch. 5 (pp.  
115-143), "On the Edge of  
the Volcano, " contains,



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**inter alia, recollections of  
and reflections on  
antisemitism in Poland in  
the 1920s.**

**The Battle of Grunwald was  
one of the largest battles in  
Medieval Europe and was**

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**the most important in the  
histories of Poland and  
Lithuania. It was fought on  
15 July 1410 during the  
Polish-Lithuania-Teutonic  
War between the alliance of  
the Kingdom of Poland (led**

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**by King Jagiello) and the  
Polish-Lithuanian Union 1385  
Grand Duchy of Lithuania  
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(led by Grand Duke  
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Vytautas) against the  
German-Prussian Teutonic  
Knights (led by Grand  
Master Ulrich von**

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Jungingen) and with the  
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assistance of Sigismund,  
then King of Hungary and  
Croatia. The Teutonic  
Knights, a crusading military  
order, were defeated and  
most of their leaders were

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**killed or taken prisoner. This  
defeat would mark the  
beginning of their decline  
and they would never again  
regain their former  
power. Following the battle,  
the balance of power shifted**

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**in Central and Eastern  
Europe and so came the rise  
of the Polish-Lithuanian  
union as the dominant  
political and military force. In  
this compelling account the  
action takes place in**

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Lithuania, Poland, the Czech  
Republic, Hungary, Russia  
and Germany. There are  
bloody battles; fascinating  
characters; intrigue;  
betrayals; sex; unexpected  
twists of fate; religious

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**heresy and a smattering of  
saints. There is also the  
monumental end of one era  
making way for the  
beginning of  
another. Written by William L  
Urban, an internationally**



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**respected authority on the  
history of European warfare,  
while there has long been  
interest on the crusades  
outside of the Holy Land,  
this book is unique in the  
sheer breadth and depth of**

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its research.  
The compelling story of  
Arthur Greiser, territorial  
leader of the Warthegau and  
the man who initiated the  
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**Traces the history of Poland  
from 1945 to 1982 and  
examines the social and  
political life of the country**

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Arthur Greiser and the  
Occupation of Western  
Poland  
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**Fragmentation in East  
Central Europe  
The Struggle for  
Constitutionalism in Poland**

In Yankel's Tavern, Glenn  
Dynner investigates the role of  
Jews in tavern-keeping in the

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Kingdom of Poland between  
1815 and the uprising of 1863-4  
and its aftermath.

The First World War led to a  
radical reshaping of Europe's  
political borders. Nowhere was  
this transformation more



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profound than in East Central  
Europe, where the collapse of  
imperial rule led to the  
emergence of a series of new  
states. New borders intersected  
centuries-old networks of  
commercial, cultural, and social

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exchange. The new states had to face the challenges posed by territorial fragmentation and at the same time establish durable state structures within an international order that viewed them as, at best, weak, and at

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worst, as merely provisional  
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entities that would sooner or later  
be reintegrated into their larger  
neighbours' territory.

Fragmentation in East Central  
Europe challenges the traditional  
view that the emergence of these

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states was the product of a  
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radical rupture that naturally led  
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from defunct empires to nation  
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states. Using the example of  
Poland and the Baltic States, it  
retraces the roots of the interwar  
states of East Central Europe, of

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their policies, economic  
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developments, and of their  
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conflicts back to the First World  
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War. At the same time, it shows  
that these states learned to  
harness the dynamics caused by  
territorial fragmentation, thus

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forever changing our  
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understanding of what modern  
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states can do.  
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This book critically examines the  
study of International Relations  
in Poland, looking at the pre-  
academic origins of the

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discipline, its development after  
WWII, under communism, and  
after the transformation of 1989.  
Apart from bringing a broad  
political and intellectual context,  
it offers a thorough quantitative  
and qualitative study of hundreds

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of books and scientific articles.  
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The theoretical and  
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methodological practices of  
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Polish IR scholars are presented  
in a comparative perspective,  
looking for common patterns with  
other European countries. This



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book is an invaluable resource  
for scholars with an interest in

sociology of IR, disciplinary  
history or scholarly metrics.

The most comprehensive survey  
of Polish history available in

English, God's Playground

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demonstrates Poland's  
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importance in European history  
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from medieval times to the  
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present.

A discussion of how modern  
Poland was created by the  
application and manipulation of

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myths about its past, and the  
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symbols that represented them.  
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Musical Solidarities: Political  
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Action and Music in Late  
Twentieth-Century Poland is a  
music history of Solidarity, the  
social movement opposing state

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Bosphorous, as his imperial residence. He renamed the place 'Constantinopolis nova Roma', 'Constantinople, the new Rome' and the city (modern Istanbul) became the Eastern capital of the later Roman empire. The new

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and handing down to both Eastern  
and Western civilization a vibrant  
legacy.

Jesus instructed his followers to  
"love your enemies, do good to  
those who hate you, bless those

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who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you" (Luke 6:27-28). Not only has this theme long been among the Church's most oft-repeated messages, but in everything from sermons to articles in the Catholic press, it has been

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consistently emphasized that the  
commandment extends to all  
humanity. Yet, on numerous  
occasions in the twentieth century,  
Catholics have established  
alliances with nationalist groups  
promoting ethnic exclusivity, anti-

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Semitism, and the use of any means necessary in an imagined "struggle for survival." While some might describe this as mere hypocrisy, Faith and Fatherland analyzes how Catholicism and nationalism have been blended

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occupation and Communist rule to  
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and beyond. It is usually taken for  
granted that Poland is a Catholic  
nation, but in fact the country's  
apparent homogeneity is a

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ultimately showing how these ideas were assembled to create a powerful but hotly contested form of religious nationalism. By no means was this outcome inevitable, and it certainly did not constitute the only way of being Catholic in modern

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Poland. Nonetheless, the Church's ongoing struggle to find a place within an increasingly secular European modernity made this ideological formation possible and gave many Poles a vocabulary for social criticism that helped make



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sense of grievances and injustices.  
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Polish Lithuanian state  
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region comparable to present-day  
Poland, Lithuania, Belarus,  
Ukraine, Russia, Latvia, Estonia,

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constitutional monarchy that offered  
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the numerous nobility extensive  
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civil and political rights, it enjoyed  
unusual domestic tranquility, for its  
military strength kept most enemies  
at bay until the mid-seventeenth

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century and the country generally  
avoided civil wars. Selling grain and  
timber to western Europe helped  
make it exceptionally wealthy for  
much of the period. The  
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suburbs often thrived while the  
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inner cities decayed. The book also  
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of the Roman Catholic Church in  
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*that Polish-Lithuanian politicians  
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political system primarily in  
moral terms. According to this  
view, the Commonwealth's main  
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*good (i.e. virtuous government).  
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citizens behaved virtuously,  
pursuing the common good  
rather than any private self-  
interest. Benedict Wagner-*



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*rulers and their elites at the  
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minimally - with control over  
defense, criminal law, taxation,  
and mobilization of resources -  
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and religions vertically,*

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*according each a modicum of  
rights and autonomies, but*

*didn't allow horizontal  
connections across nobilities,*

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potentially with common  
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*principles. Notwithstanding  
continuing challenges in Poland,  
the groundwork for  
constitutionalism based on*

*notions of limited government  
and reflective of European  
constitutional norms has*

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*emerged from the collapse of  
the communist system of  
power.*

*Surprisingly little known, the  
Polish-Soviet War of 1919-20  
was to change the course of  
twentieth-century history. In*

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*White Eagle, Red Star, Norman  
Davies gives a full account of  
the War, with its dramatic  
climax in August 1920 when the  
Red Army - sure of victory and  
pledged to carry the Revolution  
across Europe to 'water our*

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*horses on the Rhine' - was  
crushed by a devastating Polish  
attack. Since known as the  
'miracle on the Vistula', it  
remains one of the most  
decisive battles of the Western  
world. Drawing on both Polish*

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*and Russian sources, Norman  
Davies illustrates the narrative  
with documentary material  
which hitherto has not been  
readily available and shows how  
the War was far more an  
'episode' in East European*

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*affairs, but largely determined  
the course of European history  
for the next twenty years or  
more.*

*The First World War did not end  
in Central Europe in November  
1918. The armistices marked*



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*the creation of the Second  
Polish Republic and the first  
shot of the Central European  
Civil War which raged from  
1918 to 1921. The fallen  
German, Russian, and Austrian  
Empires left in their wake lands*

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*with peoples of mixed  
nationalities and ethnicities.  
These lands soon became battle  
grounds and the ethno-political  
violence that ensued forced  
those living within them to  
decide on their national identity.*

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*Civil War in Central Europe  
seeks to challenge previous  
notions that such conflicts which  
occurred between the First and  
Second World Wars were  
isolated incidents and argues  
that they should be considered*

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*as part of a European war; a war  
which transformed Poland into a  
nation.*

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