

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Alliance of Universities
FOR DEMOCRACY
23rd Annual Conference



Kielce, Poland

OCTOBER 28 TO 30, 2012

OUR HOST: **JAN KOCHANOWSKI UNIVERSITY**

Conference Theme

Democracy & the University in an Era of Global Transformation

Submission Deadline: June 1, 2012



At this key moment in world history, people across the globe are raising their voices and risking so much to call for full democratic participation in the political and social processes of their nations.

We also note the anniversary of the creation of new nation-states in the wake of the collapse of the Berlin Wall and the Soviet Union.

Our conference offers an historic opportunity to contemplate the lessons of these two decades of social, political, and economic transformation, as well as current movements.



These revolutionary developments underscore the need for educators and scholars to come together to discuss the role, responsibility and mission of universities in promoting the development of democratic citizenship and democratic values in the 21st century.



The Alliance of Universities for Democracy (AUDEM) has since its founding been committed to defining and promoting democratic interaction and engagement.

An AUDEM conference is democracy at its best, the gathering of democratically minded individuals seeking reasoned understanding of the pressing concerns of the contemporary world through collaborative exchange of ideas and expertise.

The Alliance of Universities for Democracy cordially invites you to join with us in our important endeavors.



We are pleased to hold our 23rd Annual Conference in the city of Kielce, in Central Poland. We will gather there from *October 28 to October 30 , 2012*

How appropriate it is that we meet in Kielce!

Centered in the Świętokrzyskie mountains and surrounded by forest, the region has, like Poland, had a complex and troubled history. While Kielce was the scene of tragic events in World War II and after, its forests have been a refuge for partisans and freedom fighters during Poland's wars and partition. Patriots wielding weapons of ink and pen also come from these old mountains: Henry Sienkiewicz, Mikołaj Raj, and Stefan Zeromski to name a few.

The city itself is a mix of old and new, nature and city with a park at every turn and new investments cropping up without end.

For nature lovers, there are three nature reserves in the city at former rock quarries, not to mention kilometers of forest extending beyond the city limit.



Historical monuments include the city's Cathedral, dating back to 1171, the Cracow Bishop's Palace and Karczowka monastery, both built during the 17th century, and a renovated synagogue in the former Jewish Ghetto which serves as a State Archives.

The architecture of Kielce tells the tale of the city's journey from country town to centre for limestone mining then to centre for trade and commerce and now home to the second largest trade fair in Poland.



It is an ideal location from which to evaluate the twists and turns of history, as well as the path toward progress of Central and Eastern Europe over the past two decades.



Founded in 1990, the Alliance of Universities for Democracy

(AUDEM) is a consortium of American and European universities united for the common purpose of supporting institutions of higher learning in their democratic development. Currently, AUDEM's members number over 50 institutions of higher learning. For more information about the Alliance, please visit our website at www.audem.org.

Details for Presenters:

We invite papers and presentations from colleagues around the globe.

The Conference is held in English. Overhead projection and PowerPoint will be available. Time allotted for each paper will be approximately 20 - 25 minutes with some additional time for questions from the audience.

Colleagues may submit multiple presentation proposals. No more than two presentations will be accepted for each presenter.



Submission Requirements:

A one-page proposal as follows:

- (a) name(s) of presenter(s)
- (b) title of presenter(s)
- (c) e-mail address, FAX number, mailing address
- (d) department or faculty and name of institution and country
- (e) presentation title and 100-200 word abstract.

Please send proposals to both Gabor Czeh at audem@pte.hu and Dorothy McClellan at dorothy.mcclellan@tamucc.edu

Presenters must register for the conference by September 30 to be included in the program.

Note re emails: Please put the following subject line in all emails:
“Proposal for AUDEM Conference 2012.”

For additional information about AUDEM or about the conference, please contact John Ryder, President of AUDEM – jryder@khazar.org



We encourage young scholars and junior faculty to participate. We welcome papers by students. We invite alumni of various exchange programs sponsored by American Councils for International Education and other agencies to contact those agencies to seek support for conference participation.

Please note that the deadline for receipt of proposals is **June 1, 2012**. We will gladly receive proposals thereafter, however, those accepted after that date are not guaranteed to be included in the program.



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CONFERENCE THEME

Democracy & the University in an Era of Global Transformation

The Board of the Alliance of Universities for Democracy has selected the theme *Democracy & the University in an Era of Global Transformation* for this year's conference.

We believe that this theme provides academics the opportunity to contribute to the international discussion of the events that are unfolding worldwide. We invite presentations that address the issue of the role of the university in promoting and defining democratic values and engagement in this unprecedented period of political and social upheaval.

We are also marking more than two decades since the creation of new nation-states in the wake of the collapse of the Berlin Wall and the Soviet Union.

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The university is the flagship of a society. It has the power and responsibility to lead

with ideas and activities that promote the fullest development of the human being.

To that end we are calling people together who wish to collaboratively build an international network of scholars, educators, humanitarian organizations, government officials and politicians to develop a democratic agenda for universities for the 21st century. Our desire is to learn from the successes of programs and from theorists from many disciplines about their efforts to create an engaged university.

Below we suggest an array of session topics, many of which reflect the continuing focus of AUDEM members. We invite presentations that resonate with our host country, Poland, and the regions of Central and Eastern Europe, as

they evaluate their progress over more than two decades of transformation and democratic nation building.

In suggesting the broad topics below we have paid special attention to suggestions made in the AUDEM survey.



Some topics to consider:

- ❖ *Lessons & Challenges of Emerging, Stable and At-risk Democracies*
- ❖ *Democracy & the Engaged University & Faculty*
- ❖ *The University and Democracy: Challenges & Developments*
- ❖ *The Contribution of Social Work to Democracy & Democratic Nation Building*
- ❖ *Science, Technology & Social Media to Promote Democracy*
- ❖ *Women, Democracy & the University*
- ❖ *Arab Spring and Beyond: Democratic Movements Around the World*
- ❖ *Political, Social & Educational Developments in the Region of Central and Eastern Europe*
- ❖ *Academic Freedom & University Autonomy*
- ❖ *Religious & Cultural Challenges in the Contemporary World*
- ❖ *Citizenship & Social Engagement in Art & Culture*
- ❖ *All other relevant topics are welcome*

Conference Venue



WDK:
Cultural Home of the Swietokrzyskie Voivodship
<http://www.wdk-kielce.pl/>

*Jan Kochanowski University,
Department of History*
www.ujk.edu.pl



Accommodation

AUDEM will use two hotels located in the center of the city.



HOTEL DAL,
located a stone's throw from the town square
<http://www.hoteldal.pl/>

and

HOTEL IBIS,
across from the city archives.
<http://www.ibishotel.com/pl/hotel-7120-ibis-kielce-centrum/index.shtml>



We look forward to welcoming you in Kielce!

