

EDITOR'S NOTE

In this issue of “Terminus” we present six articles dedicated to literature written between the 15th and the 18th centuries. Four of them focus on questions related to old rhetoric. Lidia Grzybowska takes a closer look at disposition in sermons by Mikołaj of Błonie (ca. 1400–1448). The scholar analyses the method of structuring a sermon based on the schema (and metaphor) of a tree. Her inquiry is broadened by references to contemporary theory of preaching. Olga Cyganok deals with the current state of research on rhetoric in Ukraine in the 17th and 18th centuries. The author examines previous studies of rhetoric as cultivated at the Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, e.g., descriptions and editions of sources. She also proposes several leads for further studies into the subject. The next two papers form a dialogue on Prudence (*Prudentia*) as presented in the literature of the second half of the 17th century. Andrzej Probulski explores this category in the dialogue *De vanitate consiliorum* (1700) by Stanisław Herakliusz Lubomirski (1642–1702), while Jacek Kowzan scrutinises the same thing in *Emblem 96* by Zbigniew Morsztyn (1628–1689). Probulski analyses the meaning of the category of prudence in the context of the politician's ethos and the image of a double-headed “dialectical” Prudence. Kowzan, on the other hand, ties Prudence to the notion of Providence. The last two articles in this issue are related to three important authors from the 16th century. Jacek Partyka writes about a recently discovered dedication of Torquato Tasso to Stanisław Reszka (1544–1600). The book that contains it, found in the British Library in London, testifies to the relations of the author of *La Gerusalemme liberata* with the Polish humanist and diplomat. Jakub Niedźwiedź discusses the latest edition of the works of Lithuanian humanist and propagator of the Reformation, Abraham Kulwieć (Abraomas Kulvetis, ca. 1510/1512–1545). The author emphasises the role of this person in the development of humanist culture and Reformation in the Grand Duchy of Lithuania in the first half of the 16th century. Like other issues

of “Terminus,” this one also contains reviews of the latest publications prepared by Justyna Kiliańczyk-Zięba, Wojciech Ryczek and Magdalena Ryszka.

Enjoy reading!

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