

## INTRODUCTION

It is with great honour and appreciation that we present this issue of *Yearbook of Conrad Studies (Poland)* that embodies the profound impact of Professor Stefan Zabierowski's mentorship and guidance.

In the realm of academia, the journey of knowledge acquisition is often accompanied by the invaluable guidance of mentors who illuminate the path with their wisdom and expertise. Professor Zabierowski stands as a beacon of inspiration, possessing an exceptional ability to inspire and nurture intellectual growth among students and scholars alike.

This volume serves as a token of our collective gratitude for the unwavering support, encouragement, and scholarly insight generously shared by Professor Zabierowski throughout the years. The essays contained herein encapsulate the diverse perspectives, intellectual curiosity, and scholarly rigor that Professor Zabierowski has instilled in each of us.

The multifaceted nature of academia is beautifully reflected in the varied topics and approaches explored within these essays, a testimony to the breadth and depth of Professor Zabierowski's influence across disciplines. From the nuanced analyses of Conrad's works to the intricacies of their adaptations, each contribution speaks to the profound impact and lasting legacy of Professor Zabierowski's mentorship.

As editors, we have witnessed first-hand the transformative effect of Professor Zabierowski's guidance on the scholarly endeavours of numerous individuals. This compilation of essays stands as a tribute to a mentor whose dedication to the pursuit of knowledge and commitment to nurturing the intellectual growth of others have left an indelible mark on the academic community.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Professor Zabierowski for sharing not only academic expertise but also wisdom, patience, and unwavering support. May this collection of essays serve as an enduring expression of our appreciation and admiration for a mentor whose influence transcends the boundaries of academia.

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