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## Report on the 25<sup>th</sup> Polish Conference “Philosophy of Sustainable Development” (Warsaw, 19 January 2022)

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The 25th Polish Conference “Philosophy of Sustainable Development” is a cyclical scientific event organized by the Department of Ecophilosophy at the UKSW Faculty of Christian Philosophy. The initiator of the conference organized since 1996 was the late Rev. Professor Józef Marcei Dołęga, who saw the need to develop philosophical inquiries and an interdisciplinary discussion on the problems of the social and natural environment. The conference was held on January 19, 2022, on the 8th anniversary of the death of Rev. J.M. Dołęga and was preceded by a Holy Mass in his intention.

Due to the limitations resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the scientific part of the meeting was held in a hybrid formula, thanks to which both the speakers and the audience could participate in person or online.

The conference was officially opened by the Dean of the Faculty of Christian Philosophy, Rev. Professor Maciej Bała, who welcomed the gathered speakers and guests. Referring to the history of the conference, he emphasized the uniqueness of this 25th scientific meeting. Reverend Dean drew attention to the interdisciplinary nature of this conference, which enables the exchange of views and experiences relating

to the current problems of the social and natural environment as well as the ecological crisis.

The plenary session consisted of four speeches. Professor Waldemar Jędral presented a lecture entitled *Sustainable development of Poland and the European Green Deal*. It emphasized that energy security is a condition for sustainable development. It requires a continuous need for electricity. According to the author, the solutions proposed by the European Green Deal are utopian. In the next lecture, prof. Małgorzata Jagodzińska and Anna Strumińska-Doktor, PhD presented a paper on the use of students’ knowledge in shaping attitudes towards sustainable development. The speakers presented the results of research on the opinions of students on the possibility of transposing knowledge from various subjects into future school practice.

Mikołaj Niedek, PhD raised the issue of ecophilosophical foundations of ecopsychology in the perspective of implementing aspects of a sustainable consumption pattern and lifestyle. The speaker explained the legitimacy of cooperation between psychologists and philosophers for the implementation of a sustainable consumption

pattern and showed the contribution of ecologically oriented psychology to the process of transformation of contemporary consumption models.

The session was concluded by Wojciech Trempała, PhD, who presented a model for a controlled future on the example of Penttia Linkola's vision of the state. The author introduced the conference audience to the radically anti-democratic and deprecating human value concept of the state developed by this controversial ecologist and eco-fascist against the background of the idea of sustainable development and the fight against the environmental crisis. With his speech, the speaker stimulated reflection and discussion on the radical solutions proposed by Linkola and the political future in a situation in which it turns out that the idea of sustainable development was only a utopian vision of the world.

The rest of the conference was held in two parallel sections. The first was presided over by Rev. Professor Ryszard F. Sadowski, during which the following papers were delivered:

- Prof. Irena Burzyńska, *The Idea of Sustainable Agriculture and the Protection of Freshwater Resources*;
- Grzegorz Embros, PhD, *The Implications of the Change Mechanism for the Decision-making Process in Environmental Protection*;

- Marek Haliniak, PhD, *Assessment of Contemporary Ecologism in the Light of the Views of Rev. prof. Józef M. Dołęga*;
- Anna Matuszewska, PhD, Krzysztof Biernat, PhD, Adam Hańderek, *Recycling of Difficult Waste as an Element of a Circular Economy – a Case Study*;

The second section was coordinated by Agnieszka Klimska, PhD and the presented papers included:

- Piotr Majdak, PhD, prof. Jakub Mosz, António Manuel Martins Almeida, PhD, *Spaces of Conflicts in Tourism: Overtourism*;
- Marcin Klimski, PhD, *High-quality Education in a Postmodern Society*;
- Michał Paluch, PhD, *Forest Pedagogy and Its Philosophy(-ies)*;
- Ariadna Ciążela, *Orientation of Students in Current Events and Problems Concerning the Natural Environment*;
- Agnieszka Klimska, *Circular Economy Education – Practice and Development Prospects in Poland*.

The culmination of the conference was a joint summary. It confirmed the need to undertake a scientific reflection on the environmental crisis and sustainable development, as well as the legitimacy of discussing these issues among interdisciplinary specialists who are united by concern for the fate of the future world.