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80th Anniversary of the Polish Economic Society

The 80th anniversary of the Polish Economic Society (PTE) was commemorated during the 11th Congress of Polish Economists, held in Poznań on 4–5 December 2025. The anniversary constituted an important part of the Congress program and provided an opportunity to examine the historical development of the PTE, its institutional achievements, and its contribution to economic thought, economic research, and the dissemination of economic knowledge in Poland.

The anniversary session included addresses by Marian Gorynia, President of the PTE and Professor at Poznań University of Economics and Business; Elżbieta Mączyńska, Honorary President of PTE and Professor at SGH Warsaw School of Economics; and Mirosław Bochenek, Deputy Chair of the PTE Scientific Council and Professor at Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń. The addresses focused on the historical significance of the PTE, its role in the development of the economics community, and the challenges facing the organization in the context of contemporary economic and social transformations.

An important element of the anniversary program was the presentation of the monograph *The Polish Economic Society and Its Predecessor Institutions in the Service of Economic Sciences* (*Polskie Towarzystwo Ekonomiczne i instytucje poprzedzające w służbie nauk ekonomicznych*), edited by Mirosław Bochenek. The publication was prepared to mark the 80th anniversary of the PTE and document the historical evolution of scholarly, academic, and professional organizations that contributed to the advancement of economic thought in Poland.

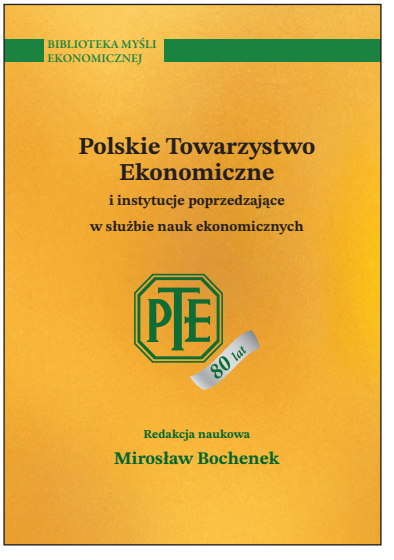
The monograph covers a period of nearly 250 years, placing the history of the PTE within the broader institutional evolution of economic sciences in Poland. It presents the development of successive organizations and associations that were instrumental in advancing economic research, education, and professional cooperation among economists. In this respect, the publication provides a historical and documentary basis for analyzing the institutional foundations of the Polish economics community.

The publication also addresses the broader relationship between the development of economic thought and the socio-economic transformations taking place in Poland. Its historical perspective makes it possible to identify changes in the organization of economic research, the dissemination of economic knowledge, and the role of economists in public life and the economy.

The 80th anniversary was not only an occasion for historical reflection but also a point of reference for considering the future role of the PTE. Contemporary technological, economic, and social transformations, including digitalization, the development of artificial intelligence, demographic change, and increasing economic uncertainty, pose new challenges for economic research, education, and public debate. In this context, particular importance is attached to strengthening cooperation among the academic community, business, public administration, and other institutions involved in economic policy and education.

The significance of the publication was also highlighted in the foreword by Professor Marian Gorynia, President of the PTE, who described the release of the monograph as an event of particular importance for both the Society and the wider community of economists in Poland.

The monograph is primarily historical, documentary, and analytical in character and is intended for



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researchers in the history of economic thought and economic institutions, economists and practitioners, members of the PTE, as well as readers interested in the development of economic sciences and the institutional foundations of the Polish economy.

The publication is available free of charge (in Polish only) from the PTE online bookstore: https://ksiazki-ekonomiczne.pte.pl/.