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## **Head of state and executive power - ideas, models, practice**

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The year 2023 marks the 450th anniversary of the first free election held in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth in April 1573. This is not only a model for the election of the head of state, but also, or perhaps above all, a manifestation of the enormous civic activity of the political nation - the Polish nobility. Although it was only a part of the population of the Polish-Lithuanian state, but estimated at about 11% of the total, which distinguished it and the Polish political model from other European states of the time.

This anniversary is an opportunity to reflect on the ways in which heads of state are chosen, the political powers of both heads of state and the entities that choose them, the appropriateness of adopting a political system in the surrounding reality, the development of democracy, and in particular the ability to take advantage of the opportunities presented by the democratization of the political model of the state. This reflection does not only concern the past, it is most desirable for our times, in which the slogan about the problems of democracy, including the role of the head of state, has been repeated for years. The recent history of Poland shows that from the moment

of independence in 1918 to the present day, the regulation of the position of the head of state in the political system has posed many problems for Poles, resulting in either an underestimation of the role of the head of state (as in the Polish Constitution of 1921) or an overestimation of it (as in the Polish Constitution of 1935) or an underdeveloped combination of limited powers with a large political mandate (as in the Polish Constitution of 1997).

Of course, despite the fact that the anniversary is about Polish and Lithuanian statehood, let's not limit ourselves to just these two countries, because states do not exist in a vacuum, but in a complex international system. An interesting process that should be noted is the dynamic development of the institution of the president after the First and Second World Wars, and not only in many European countries. The adopted solutions of the political system affect the position of the state in the international environment. Therefore, a broader reflection referring also to other countries seems to be more appropriate to better understand the various aspects of the functioning of the political system and, above all, the model of the executive branch and its powers and ranking in relation to other organs of the state.

**Date:** May 11-12, 2023.

**Meeting place:** UPH Siedlce, Faculty of Social Sciences, 39 Zytunia St., Siedlce and online platform (Google Meet)

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**Working languages of the conference:** Polish, English

Speaking time in plenary sessions is 20 minutes, while in sections - 15 minutes.

**Deadline for participation in the conference:** March 15, 2023.

Authors will be notified of acceptance of submissions by March 29, 2023.

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- participation in the stationary form - PLN 220.00 (includes participation in the conference, obtaining a certificate, catering during the conference, including lunch, does not include the cost of accommodation and travel)

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