

PhD Candidate Jakub Galeziowski is looking for participants for his study.

Title of the study: 'Entangled Biographies of Children Born of War in Poland after 1945'

In contrast to the quite well documented results on CBOW in Western Europe, a big gap exists with regards to information from central eastern territories, where until now not much is known about this group. Although one assumes numbers were high, they are difficult to reach for researchers. They can be described as a hidden population and their stories remain largely untold. In his research Jakub Galeziowski tries to break this conspiracy of silence and tell more about life stories of CBOW in Poland with hope that it will increase the state of knowledge in the CBOW field and fill a gap in Polish historiography.

The aim of this PhD project is to recognise, name, document and describe the phenomenon of Polish Children Born of War, not only fathered by occupiers, either Germans or Soviets, but also those born in context of force labour and postwar DP camps, to Polish mothers, and to develop a qualitative analysis of their life experience behind the "Iron Curtain" based on archival sources and biographical narratives. Jakub plans to put particular attention to definition of CBOW and proper terminology, especially by finding a relevant term in Polish language, adequate in both local and international contexts. Another important factor which plays a crucial role in his study is ethnicity of both, mothers and fathers, and how it influences children fates. Jakub looks at this phenomenon from many different perspectives taking in consideration sources of various proveniences – from state, church and private collections – to see for instance what was the policy of communist authorities and Catholic Church towards this group of children. Finally, he wants to answer the question how the fact of being CBOW in Poland has impacted single biography and in what extend this legacy influenced second and third generation. That is why he is currently looking for participants to his research.

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