Maria Marczewska-Rytko, Wojciech Ziętara, International Expert Conference at the UMCS Political Science Faculty, September 11–13, 2014.

The international conferences of experts are organized periodically by the Research Committee 21 of the International Political Science Association (IPSA), Political Socialization and Education (RC21). The main purpose of RC21 activity is to advance the study of political socialization and education to encourage research, especially across national studies.

Expert meetings are organized in major academic centres in the world, e.g. in 2012, the experts met at Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russia; in 2013 – the University of Mining and Technology in Suzhow, China, and in 2015, the meeting was held at the Karnataka University in India. Such an elite group of organizers of meetings of scientists from all over the world was also joined by the University of Maria Curie-Skłodowska (UMCS). The international conference of experts: "Social and Political Movements, Leaders, Education and Communication. Challenges and Expectations in the Age of Globalization" was held on 11–13 September 2014 at the UMCS Political Science Faculty. The main organizer of the Conference was RC21, in co-operation with Research Committee 29 IPSA and Political Movements Department, the UMCS Political Science Faculty as well as the Lublin City Hall. The deliberations were commenced by Prof. Ryszard Dębicki, UMCS's Vice Rector for Research and International Cooperation, and Prof. Grzegorz Janusz, Dean of Political Science Faculty, while IPSA was represented by Prof. Christ`l De Landtsheer from the University of Antwerp, Belgium, who is a member of IPSA Board, and Prof. Maria Marczewska-Rytko, the Chair of RC21.

The participants were especially interested in the conference presentations by Prof. Christ`l De Landtsheer – *Media metaphors of financial crisis* and Prof. Yoshinobu Araki (Musashino University in Tokyo, Japan) – *Suicide-orientation of young people in Japan*. The remainder of the agenda consisted of three panels: "The image of political leaders and populism", "Social and political movements" and "Leadership and religious movements". The conference was attended by the representatives of political science academic centres from all over the world, including: Lieuwe Kalkhoven (Belgium), Hatcholli Mulemath Virupakshaiah (India), Ekkart Zimmermann (Germany), Hans IJsenbout (the Netherlands), Irina Samarkina, Nikita Sleptcov and Alexander Nikiforov (Russia). In addition, there were many Polish scientists representing the Jagiellonian University, University of Łódź, University of Silesia, Opole University, Catholic University of Lublin and the Academy of International Relations and American Studies in Warsaw. The roles of the Secretaries of the Conference were held by: Dr. Wojciech Ziętara, Dr. Dorota Maj, Dr. Jakub Nowak and Dr. Marcin Pomarański.

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