

THE MARIA CURIE-SKŁODOWSKA UNIVERSITY AND
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EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL JOSEPH CONRAD CONFERENCE
AT MARIA CURIE-SKŁODOWSKA UNIVERSITY IN LUBLIN, POLAND

28 June – 1 July, 2027

CIRCULAR II
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

I. Dedication:

The conference is organized in honour of all contributors to volumes XXI-XXX (authors of monographs, editors of volumes, authors of papers) of the series *Conrad: Eastern and Western Perspectives*.

II. Abstracts:

We plan to prepare a booklet with abstracts of papers prior to the conference and distribute it among participants. **Those presenting papers are requested to submit their abstracts by November 1st, 2026 at the latest. The text, in English, should be no longer than 250 words** and should not include references. The heading should contain the title of the paper as well as the author's full name, affiliation, town and country. **Please send your abstract by e-mail as Word file to the conference e-mail address (conradconference@mail.umcs.pl).** The booklet of abstracts will be edited by Dr. Grzegorz Czemieli (the conference secretary) and Prof. Wiesław Krajka. Correspondence regarding abstracts will be conducted by Grzegorz, who can be contacted at grzegorz.czemieli@mail.umcs.pl.

III. Scholarly program:

The proceedings will be composed of papers on various aspects of Joseph Conrad's life and works, and related themes (Conrad's Polish and East-Central European aspects and contexts will be one of the foci of the conference). Apart from inaugural and concluding plenary lectures, all papers will be delivered in sections running in two parallel sessions. The format of these sessions will be announced after completing the program of the conference. **Each paper presentation should not exceed 35 minutes plus 10 minutes for discussion.** English will be the language of the conference. The conference organizers may help colleagues who do not feel comfortable enough in English with delivering their papers and translating discussion – upon their request.

IV. Publication of the conference papers:

Select papers from the conference will appear in two peer-reviewed e-book volumes of the series *Conrad: Eastern and Western Perspectives* published by Maria Curie-Skłodowska University Press Lublin and Columbia University Press New York (as a follow-up to the volumes of this series published so far). Presentation of a paper at the conference does not automatically guarantee its publication in the post-conference volumes. **A paper submitted for publication consideration should be sent by e-mail as Word file to the conference e-mail address (conradconference@mail.umcs.pl) by 31 August 2027 at the latest** (there is no length limit fixed for papers submitted). Proposed papers will be subjected to regular peer-review process. The text, double-spaced, should follow the MLA Style Sheet, 7th edition, and the Guidelines for Manuscript Preparation for contributions to *Conrad: Eastern and Western Perspectives*.

V. Study tour:

Right after the conclusion of the conference there will be a 3-4 hours long study tour of Conrad's footprints in Lublin – for participants willing to take it.

VI. Financial principles of the conference:

- Participants' travel costs to Lublin and back are to be met by them.
- All individual costs of participation in the conference (including accommodation and meals) are to be covered by participants themselves.
- **There is no conference fee.** All general costs of the conference are met by Maria Curie-Skłodowska University (the organizer and sponsor of the conference). They include mainly the cost of hiring rooms for holding sessions and preparing the booklet of abstracts and the program of the conference.

VIII. Communication and next circulars:

Conference correspondence will be conducted by the conference secretary Dr. Grzegorz Czemieli. Information about the conference can be obtained from its website: www.conradcentre.umcs.eu. The conference e-mail address is: conradconference@mail.umcs.pl.

Circular III will be sent in January 2027: it will provide mainly an outline of the program of the conference and the proposed study tour, registration forms, along with recommended accommodations, information about travel options to and from Lublin.

Circular IV will be issued in March/April 2027: it will provide the program of the conference and indispensable final details and reminders.

Lublin, August 2026

Wiesław Krajka, chairman of the conference

Grzegorz Czemieli, secretary of the conference

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Date of the conference: 28 June – 1 July, 2027

Place: Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin, Poland

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CIRCULAR I

The Institute of Modern Languages and Literatures, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin, Poland, will have the honour and pleasure of hosting its Eighth International Joseph Conrad Conference between June 28 and July 1, 2027. Conradians and lovers of Conrad are heartily invited to attend.

The scholarly proceedings (in English) will consist of papers on various aspects of Joseph Conrad's life and works, and related themes, including Conrad's Polish and East-Central European aspects and contexts. Select papers from the conference will appear as e-books in two peer-reviewed volumes of the series *Conrad: Eastern and Western Perspectives*, published by Maria Curie-Skłodowska University Lublin and Columbia University Press New York. The conference will be followed by a short study tour of Conrad's footprints in Lublin for participants willing to take it.

Please send a declaration of your intended participation in the conference (either with or without a contributed paper) to the conference e-mail address. If you know any academics who might have an interest in our conference, please encourage them to respond. Conference correspondence will be conducted by Dr. Grzegorz Czemieli (conference secretary).

Circular II will be sent in September 2026 to those who declare participation. It will inform mainly about financial rules of the conference and principles for abstract submission.

Lublin, February 2026

Wiesław Krajka
Chairman of the Conference