The Anti-Communist Underground, an International Spy Affair, and the Activities of the Security Office in Poland, 1945–1965

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Where: **Associated Polish Home (Dom Polski), 9150 Academy Road, Philadelphia, PA 19114**

Free admission

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About the Lecture

Drawing on her series of books "The Small Town" („Miasteczko"), "The Seventh Circle" („Siódmy krąg"), "Ariadne's Threads" („Kłębki Ariadny"), and "Mists over the River Styx" („Mgły nad rzeką Styks"), and on the forthcoming "Cracks in Time" („Szczeliny czasu"), the author will speak about the activities of the anti-communist underground in the years shortly after World War II, based on events in Kępno, a small town in Greater Poland, and about an international spy affair, whose main driving force was a professor at the University of Wrocław, concerning the infiltration of the Polish People's Party in exile by the UB (Security Office) with the aim of liquidating it.

About the Lecturer

Dr. Małgorzata Pośpiech is a journalist, writer, translator, director of documentary and experimental films, and photographer. She holds a doctorate in the humanities in film studies. She has published several hundred articles, reviews, interviews, and essays, contributing to *Odra*, *Kino*, *Film*, *Polityka*, *Arkusz*, and New York's *Nowy Dziennik* (among other things, for seven years she ran a film column in the literary supplement of *Nowy Dziennik*). She is the author of the documentary films "Arthur Penn" and "Generation" („Pokolenie"), the experimental film "Heat", television programs (TV Polonia), and the video installations "Wasteland" and "Landscapes", shown in New York galleries. She conducted more than seventy interviews with witnesses of and participants in the events of World War II, creating the archive of the Polish Veterans' Association (Stowarzyszenie Weteranów Polskich) in New York (linked to the official website of Peter Weir's film "The Way Back" and to PAVA's YouTube pages: pavany09 and pavany09english). Her published books are: "Conversations with Arthur Penn" („Rozmowy z Arthurem Pennem") (2011); "The Small Town" (2014), nominated for the Angelus Central European Literary Award; "The Seventh Circle" (2016); "Notebook" („Notatnik") (2017), a selection of poems; "Ariadne's Threads" (2017), nominated for the Angelus Central European Literary Award 2018; and "Mists over the River Styx" (2019), also nominated for the Central European Literary Award 2020. Dr. Pośpiech is a lecturer and the coordinator of the Polish Program at Hunter College in New York.