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**The Coming to Terms with Political Corruption and Office Abuse Cases in Poland and the German Democratic Republic during the 1980s. A Historical-Sociological Study.
(Description for the General Public)**

During the 1980s state socialist Poland and East Germany were a scene of coming to terms with the fallen party leaderships of Edward Gierek and Erich Honecker. The fallen leaders and their confidants faced charges, among other things, of political corruption and office abuse. The events, which happened during transformative periods (1980/1981 in Poland and 1989/1990 in the German Democratic Republic) produced anti-corruption mindsets, discourses and activities and influenced the transformative periods' dynamic and contributed to the demise of the system.

The applicant studies official documents, summaries of popular moods, legal proceedings and personal materials of top political figures. He analyzes the build-up of structures of the elite political corruption and the coming to terms with them during transformative periods in Poland and the German Democratic Republic during the 1980s. He seeks similarities and common patterns of revolutions. The goal of the project is to show unknown aspects of Polish-German and state socialist history.