

## Description for the General Public:

### *Stanisław Lisiecki (1872-1960) – a Forgotten Expert on Plato and a Historian of Ancient Philosophy*

The research aim of the project is to enrich the knowledge on Polish historians of ancient philosophy and on Polish historiography of ancient philosophy in the 20th century by supplementing it with information about Stanisław Lisiecki's life, academic activity and work, whose personality and works have been forgotten. Lisiecki's works were forgotten due to his complicated life, he abandoned the priesthood and this closed his path to academic career, because university professors, largely Catholic, regarded Lisiecki's decision as inappropriate.

First, it is indispensable to present Lisiecki's views on the ancient thought, its development and its main characters, with particular emphasis on Plato, since Lisiecki's narrative, arguments and conclusions remain largely unknown. Then, it will be necessary to answer the question about the scientific and philosophical determinants and reasons for the solutions and conclusions adopted by Lisiecki. Lastly, the results of Lisiecki's work in the field of historiography of ancient philosophy will be compared to the works of other Polish as well as German historians of ancient philosophy in the first half of the twentieth century. The research results will be published in two ways: first, as an anthology of texts, a collection of unknown and representative works of Lisiecki. Then, the series of articles presenting the partly results will be subsequently published, and these will consequently lead to the monograph book devoted to Lisiecki's scientific work.

Among the reasons for undertaking this research problem there is a mysterious absence of Lisiecki's name and works from the consciousness of the researchers of the history of Polish philosophy and science. Sometimes in the dictionary publications in which Lisiecki's name appears, the authors were even unable to establish the date of his death (the estimated date differed almost 40 years from the actual date of his death). The initial insight, however, in Lisiecki's work proves that these were of a high level, stemming from the author's qualifications and diligence. Their absence in bibliographies must have then resulted from extra-scientific reasons, namely from the condemnation by the scientific community of his abandoning the priesthood. In short, Lisiecki undoubtedly deserves to bring his personality and works out of oblivion, in which he fell most likely not out of his own fault.