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## **THE IDEA OF AUGUST CIESZKOWSKI'S HISTORIOSOPHY IN THE PERSPECTIVE OF CONTEMPORARY THOUGHT – POPULAR SCIENCE SUMMARY**

My research project is devoted to adaptive interpretation and contemporizing Polish national philosophy of the 19<sup>th</sup> century by the example of idea of historiosophy from August Cieszkowski's early works. There is no doubt that the thought of the times when the Polish lands were under foreign partition is one of the most decisive factors, which contributed to formation of modern national identity of Polish people. I aim to prove that the output of this intellectual formation can still constitute an attractive reference point for contemporary philosophical efforts of understanding and forming of the social-political sphere. In my project I intend to focus on writings of young August Cieszkowski, which outline the idea of historiosophy as a holistic knowledge about the history, and which precede the creation of his fully developed standpoint from the work *Our Father*. Unlike the propositions of many Western nineteenth-century thinkers, the concept of historiosophy is not nowadays treated as a subject of strictly philosophical researches, which are trying to answer the challenges of the present. Although the Cieszkowski's philosophy was an object of many detailed studies, but they are mostly of historical nature and they characterize the condition of its creation and its direct influence on the epoch. The purpose of my project is to fill this gap. I intend to do it on one hand by a precise, philosophical and including the Hegelian context analysis of early output of Polish philosopher, on the other hand by referring it to the contemporary currents of thought, such as postsecularism, critical theory or political theology. I will enable defining the potential of the idea of historiosophy, which can still inspire to a deepen reflection on historical and social reality. The attempt at contemporizing Cieszkowski's early view is based on the premises of adaptive interpretation method in the meaning of Poznań School of Methodology.

The reason why I draw out this research is the aim to overcome the dominant opinion about peculiar 'antiquarian' character of Polish nineteenth-century philosophy – its historical impact is commonly acknowledged, but it is mostly not treated as a vivid proposition that could contribute something to actual discourses. By performing the adaptive interpretation, I am going to prove that nineteenth century thought in general and Cieszkowski's output in particular constitute a comprehension of the specificity of Polish understanding of modernity, which is not founded in an unambiguous critique of the past, but in its harmonious continuation. Therefore, my research will be a form of an encouragement for further attempts at updating Polish national philosophy. In a broader perspective it can lead to a reflection on the potential of Polish notion of modernity in the situation of commonly stated crisis of its laic variant.

The material effect of my work will be a monograph written in English and released in an open-access, international publishing house. Also I am planning to announce the results of my research by a presentation of a paper at the 33rd Hegel-Conference, which will be held in Warsaw and which is scheduled for 22-26 June 2020.