



The diplomatic and civic-leadership roles of
TADEUSZ ROMER (1894-1978)



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from the building of a new international community after World War I
through World War II, to the dawning of “Solidarność”

International symposium to mark the 100th anniversary of Poland's independence

SYMPOSIUM'S PROGRAMME

Sunday, October 21

The Polish Institute Library, 4220 Drolet Street

INTRODUCTORY SESSION (in Polish)

- 17:00 **Beata Szubtarska**: *Writing the Romer biography (in Polish)*
Viewing the new exhibit drawn from Romer family archives
Brief film presentation *Tadeusz Romer: diplomata i emigrant*

Monday, October 22

McGill Faculty Club and Conference Centre, 3450 McTavish Street

MORNING SESSION : I RECOLLECTIONS

Chair : **Julius Grey** (Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in Canada)

- 9:30 - Opening remarks: Prof. **Charles Taylor** (McGill University)
- From the Institute's Board of Directors: **Julius Grey** (the Polish Institute)
- Family experience : **Teresa Romer** and one of the Tadeusz and Zofia' s grandchildren

II THE HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

Chair : **Dariusz Wiśniewski** (Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Montreal)

Discussant: **Piotr Kosicki** (Maryland University)

- 10:00 - **Marcin Kruszyński** (Institute of National Remembrance, Warsaw)
Romer's apprenticeship in Switzerland (1914-1917)
- 10:30 - **Piotr Długolecki** (Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw)
Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Poland)
Romer's early diplomatic career
- 11:00 - **Ewa Pałasz-Rutkowska** (University of Warsaw)
Ambassador Tadeusz Romer, diplomat and humanitarian in Japan (1937-1941)
- 11:30 - **Olga Barbasiewicz** and **Agnieszka Pawnik** (Jagiellon University, Cracow):
Tadeusz Romer and aid to Polish-Jewish war refugees in the Fa East, 1940-1942

12:00 - **Aya Takahashi**
*The Sugihara Visa Recipients : efforts to help Jewish refugees
by Abassador Romer and the Polish Embassy in Tokyo, 1940-1941*

12:30 - Discussion period

LUNCH BREAK

AFTERNOON SESSION - HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES cont'd

Chair : **Lorenz Luthi** (McGill University)

Discussant: **Piotr Kosicki** (Maryland University)

14:00 - **Beata Szubtarska** (Jan Kochanowski University of Kielce)
*Publishing Tadeusz Romer's diplomatic biography :
a glimpse at 10 years of research and writing*

14:30 - **Christine Barras** (Bibliothèque et Archives Canada)
The Tadeusz Romer collection at Library and Archives Canada

15:00 - **Mieczysław Biskupski** (Central Connecticut State University)
Tadeusz Romer's role in North-America's Polish diaspora

15:30 - **Agnès Domański** (McGill and the Polish Institute)
The Montreal years, 1948-1978 : Tadeusz Romer's activities and commitments

16:00 - Discussion period

16:30 - Summing up and conclusion

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