

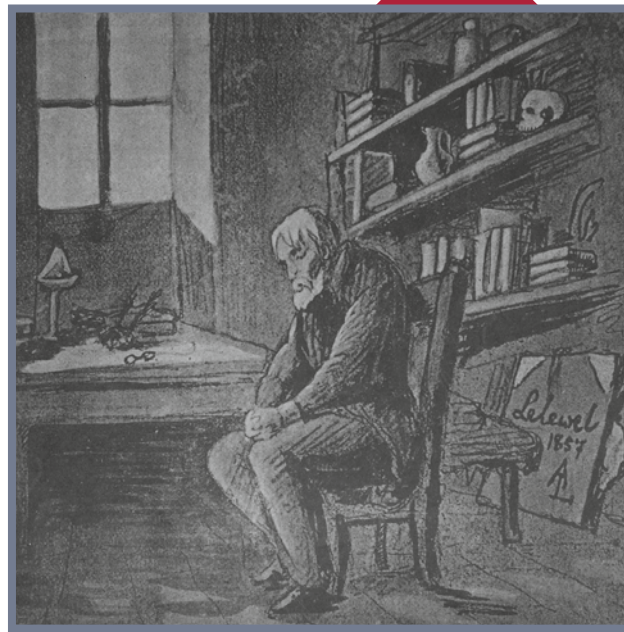
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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Joachim Lelewel

and the Past, Present State, and Future of Historical Auxiliary Sciences

CALL FOR PAPERS



In 2022, we will celebrate the bicentenary of the publication in Vilnius of the book *Nauki dające poznawać źródła historyczne* (Sciences which allow for understanding historical sources) by Joachim Lelewel, a central personality in the history of Lithuanian and Polish scholarly exploration of history in the first half of the 19th century. To commemorate this event, on 16–17th June 2022, a conference will be held at the Lithuanian Institute of History in Vilnius entitled *Joachim Lelewel and the Past, Present State, and Future of Historical Auxiliary Sciences*. This symposium will attempt to present the scholarly activities of Lelewel in their European context, his originality and the novelty of his conception of auxiliary historical disciplines, the state of research concerning his person, as well as new discoveries of source materials.

Lelewel has attracted the attention of historians for many years. His life, subsequent phases in his learned activity, and his scholarly output have been studied in detail. Considerable time and effort have been devoted to archival studies, and numerous materials have been discovered. Researchers have attempted also to disclose his role in the development of the concept of historical auxiliary sciences, in particular in the context of German academe of the 18th and 19th centuries.

The bicentenary of Lelewel's book is an appropriate moment to return to study of his life and achievements. The Organizing Committee of the conference would like to concentrate on two themes, viz.: the source materials which constitute the foundations of research on the great historian, including new findings in this field which could broaden the scope of our knowledge concerning Lelewel – we have reasons to believe that not everything has been revealed and brought to light. The organizers are also convinced that much can also be added to discussion of the historical background of his life and activities. The second general theme is envisaged as the opening of a broader discussion concerning the auxiliary disciplines of history and their development in Central and Eastern Europe in the past and their future aims. This discussion should go beyond matters Lelewelian and encompass wider perspectives. An additional attraction that will provide opportunities for interesting reflections is the foreseen opening of an exhibition at the Wróblewski Library that will be devoted to medieval and early modern notarial marks.

The Organizing Committee proposes the following subject groups for conference papers:

1. Lelewel: the person and scholar in his social and professional milieu,
2. Source materials for research on Joachim Lelewel,
3. Lelewel in historical research,
4. Lelewel's conception of historical auxiliary disciplines: novelty or conservatism in the European context,
5. The present state of, and scholarly perspectives for historical auxiliary disciplines.

The conference will conclude with a round table plenary discussion of selected scholars devoted to the present condition and the perspectives of historical auxiliary disciplines.

Two types of presentations are invited: regular papers (30 minutes) and short communiqués (20 minutes).

The conference will be held in the Lithuanian and Polish languages, with simultaneous translation. Papers may also be delivered in English.

The papers presented will be published in a special volume summing up research on Lelewel to date. The formation of a special team of scholars is foreseen to prepare an inventory of published and unpublished source materials relating to Lelewel.

Guided tours will be offered:

- to the exhibition of notarial marks,
- tracing Lelewel's footsteps in Vilnius (the house in which he lived; the auditorium where he lectured; the location of the publishing house that issued his textbook; the J. Lelewel Hall, etc.).

Conference languages: Lithuanian, Polish, and English.

Event date: 16–17 June 2022.

Location: The Lithuanian Institute of History, Vilnius, 17 Tiltos Street, Main Hall.

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Persons wishing to participate are kindly requested to submit paper titles with short abstracts (ca. 259 words) to:

<https://forms.gle/j3NVKPtGsFr2PDzT6>

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The deadline for submissions is 31 December 2021. The Organizing Committee will contact authors by 15 February 2022.

No conference fee is foreseen.



Lelewel in his study, author Aleksander Lesser, 1889 (VU Library, Manuscript Department, F.12-483)
Lelewel's autograph (VU Library, Manuscript Department, F.12-159)

