Regulations for the 5th edition of the Joanna Matejko Competition for the best PhD thesis on international migration from and to Poland and the Polish diaspora

§ 1. Organiser, Founder, Title, and Objectives of the Competition

1. The competition is organised by Fundacja Ośrodek Badań nad Migracjami (Centre of Migration Research Foundation) with its seat in Warsaw, 12 Siewierska Street 5/6, entered into the register of associations, other social and professional organisations, foundations and public health care centres maintained by the District Court for the Capital City of Warsaw, XII Commercial Division of the National Court Register under number KRS: 00000399863 (hereinafter referred to as the Foundation) and Ośrodek Badań nad Migracjami Uniwersytetu Warszawskiego (Centre of Migration Research of the University of Warsaw) with its registered office at 7 Pasteura Street, 02-093 Warsaw (hereinafter referred to as OBM UW).
2. The title of the Competition is: *Joanna Matejko Competition for the best PhD thesis on international migration from and to Poland and the Polish diaspora*.
3. The sponsor of the award in the competition is Agnieszka Matejko, daughter of Polish historian and activist Dr. Joanna Matejko, who researched the history of the Polish diaspora in Canada and the development of its immigration policy.
4. The competition is organised under the auspices of the Migration Research Committee of the Polish Academy of Sciences.
5. The aim of the competition is to support researchers working in the field of international migration to and from Poland and the Polish diaspora who are at an early stage of their scientific career and to promote the results of their scientific work.

§ 2 Participants and subject of the competition

1. A participant in the competition may be an adult natural person who is a graduate of a higher education institution in Poland or abroad and has defended a PhD thesis on international migration to and from Poland and the Polish diaspora.
2. The competition is not open to members of the Foundation's Board or people who are related to them: spouse, parents, children, or immediate family members.
3. If a work submitted to the competition was supervised by a member of the Competition Jury, he/she shall be excluded from evaluating the work and shall not take part in reviewing, scoring, or voting on it.
4. The subject of the competition is the text of a PhD thesis on the subject of international migration from and to Poland and the Polish diaspora, meeting the following conditions:
   a) a PhD thesis defended between year 2024 and 2026;
   b) the work was written in Polish or English or translated into these languages;
   c) each author may submit a maximum of one thesis
   d) the dissertation has not previously been submitted to the Joanna Matejko competition.

§ 3 Terms and conditions of the competition

1. A valid application consists of:
   a) a completed registration form, which constitutes Attachment No. 1 to these Regulations;
   b) the text of the thesis in pdf format;
   c) reviews of the thesis prepared for the purpose of defending the PhD thesis in pdf format;
   d) a thesis summary in Polish or English (up to 10 pages) including the following elements:
      i) title of the thesis, institution where the thesis was defended;
      ii) research paradigm/philosophical approach adopted;

iii) purpose, research questions and hypotheses;
iv) sources of data and research methods used;
v) theoretical approach adopted
vi) the results of the analyses carried out;
vii) conclusions of the analyses conducted and own research;
viii) originality of the work (state of the research vs. findings).;

e) a document confirming the date of the defence of the PhD thesis (pdf);
f) signed consent to the processing of personal data (Annex 2);
g) translations of the work, if required;

sent to obm.projekty@uw.edu.pl

2. The final deadline for submitting documents listed in § 3, point. 1 expires on **31.12.2026**.
3. The documents submitted in the competition, i.e., the form, thesis, and annexes, will not be returned.
4. The organiser reserves the right to extend the deadline for the submission of entries to the competition.

§ 4 Competition criteria and awards

1. The prize of PLN 6000.00 (in words: six thousand zlotys) will be awarded by the Competition Jury, appointed by the Organiser.
2. The amount of the prize is given as a gross amount.
3. The organiser reserves the right not to award the prize if the entries are of inadequate quality.
4. The decision of the Competition Jury to award the prize is final and binding.
5. The prize will be awarded to the Author of the best thesis that meet the following criteria:
   a. compliance with the objective of the competition (§ 1, point 5);
   b. originality of the research objective and hypotheses ;
   c. proper theoretical approach;
   d. correctness of the selection and application of research methods;
   e. correct selection and application of sources ;
   f. contribution of the results of the analyses and own research to the development of migration research.
6. The decision of the Competition Jury will be announced by **1.05.2027.**
7. The awarded persons will have the opportunity to present the results of their research work at a ceremonial seminar, to be held by the organiser by **30 June 2027**.
8. The list of the awarded Authors/Authors will be available on the Organisers' website www.obmf.pl and www.migracje.uw.edu.pl and on the Competition Patron's website http://www.kbnm.pan.pl/.

§ 5 Intellectual property and copyright

By submitting an entry, the Entrant declares that he/she owns the personal copyright to the work submitted for the competition.

§ 6 Personal data protection

1. The personal data of the Entrants will be processed for the purposes of running the competition, selecting the winner, and awarding the prize.
2. Personal data of the Participants of the competition will be used, stored, and processed in accordance with the conditions set out in the Act of 10 May 2018 on personal data protection

(Journal of Laws 2018, item 1000). The administrator of the personal data is the Centre of Migration Research Foundation.

3. Processing of data referred to in paragraph 1 of this section also includes the publication of the name and surname of the Participant along with the name of the university at which the thesis was defended and the name of the thesis supervisor.
4. The participant has the right to access, correct, and delete his/her personal data.
5. providing personal data is voluntary, however, lack of consent for its processing makes it impossible to participate in the competition.

§ 7 Final provisions

1. The Rules are the only document defining the terms and conditions of the competition.
2. The organiser is entitled to change the provisions of the regulations. Any changes will be announced on the website: www.obmf.pl.
3. Details of the competition can be obtained by emailing: obm.projekty@uw.edu.pl.
4. The rights and obligations associated with participation in the competition, including the right to the prize, are not transferable.

Annex 1: Application form

1. Name and surname of the Author of the work:
2. Title of the PhD thesis
3. Date of thesis defence:
4. Names of the thesis supervisor and reviewers:
5. Name and address of the unit where the thesis was defended:
6. Correspondence address, e-mail address, telephone number:
7. Annexes to the form: **a.** Abstract of the thesis in Polish (max. 2 standard pages). b. Reviews of the thesis prepared for the thesis defence. c. Summary (§ 3. 1. d) **d.** Signed Appendix 2 to the Regulations. e. Confirmation of thesis defence date. f. Translation of the work *(delete as appropriate if not necessary).*

Annex 2

INFORMATION

In accordance with Article 13 of the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation), the Centre of Migration Research Foundation informs:

1. The administrator of your personal data is the Centre of Migration Research Foundation represented by the Management Board with its seat in Warsaw at Siewierska 11 m 5/6;
2. The administrator of the personal data is the Centre of Migration Research Foundation, which can be contacted via e-mail at kontakt@obmf.pl or by post at 7 Pasteura Street, 02-093 Warsaw;
3. Your personal data will be processed in order to organise and conduct the Joanna Matejko Competition for the best PhD thesis on international migration to and from Poland and the Polish diaspora;
4. The basis for processing your personal data is your consent;
5. The provision of data is voluntary, but necessary to fulfil the purposes for which they were collected;
6. The data will not be made available to external entities except in cases provided for by law, e.g., accounting;
7. Data will be stored for a period of 5 years;
8. You have the right of access to the content of your data and the right to: rectification, erasure, restriction of processing, to object, the right to withdraw consent at any time;
9. You have the right to lodge a complaint with the President of the Office for Personal Data Protection if you consider that the processing of your personal data violates the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulation;

I consent to the processing of my personal data for the purposes of organising and conducting the Joanna Matejko Competition for the best PhD thesis on international migration to and from Poland and the Polish diaspora. I acknowledge that the administrator of personal data is the Centre of Migration Research Foundation. I am aware that the provision of data is voluntary, but necessary to fulfil the purposes for which they were collected.

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Signature of participant