

November 27, 2023
His Excellency Radoslaw Sikorski
Member of European Parliament
Republic of Poland

Dear Mr. Sikorski:

On behalf of Harvard University's Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies ([CES](#)), it is our pleasure to invite you to deliver the keynote address at the *Zaleski Symposium on Poland at the Crossroads* on November 29, 2023 from 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Your insights at this moment of historic change and challenges confronting Poland and Europe would undoubtedly spark the lively debate the conference aims to stimulate, and we very much hope you can participate.

The *Symposium* will be the annual flagship conference at CES that convenes distinguished scholars, practitioners, and students to enrich debate on critical challenges facing Europe and generate ideas that support effective policy responses. This year's *Symposium*, entitled "*Poland at the Crossroads*" will feature eminent scholars and practitioners who will present their perspectives on topics ranging from Poland's and Europe's strategic choices in an era of global power competition, to the future of parties and policymaking in Poland. Your address would be the pinnacle of the event, and we invite you to define a lecture topic of your choice relevant to the *Symposium*'s theme.

Founded in 1969, CES is among the United States' leading and oldest academic institutions focused on the study of Europe. Its mission is to advance social science research and teaching on Europe's past, present and future as well as to foster the enduring exchange of ideas across borders and disciplines. The Center's alumni are renowned scholars, as well as leaders in the public, non-profit and private sectors.

This year's *Symposium* marks the first of its kind at CES and we very much hope that you will be able to accept our invitation. Should you have questions, we are at your disposal, as is our colleague Dr. Albana Shehaj, CES Program Manager, who can be reached at albana.shehaj@fas.harvard.edu.

We hope to have the opportunity to welcome you to Harvard.

Sincerely,

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