

**Summary of doctoral dissertation “The monarchist movements in the Third Republic of Poland – study of political science” written by mgr Joanna Gorączko, under the supervisor of professor Marek Żyromski at the Faculty of Political Science and Journalism, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland.**

In recent years, there have been quite significant changes on the Polish political scene. It is noticeable that there are more right-wing organizations or generally conservative parties. It seems that more of these organizations identify with monarchist movements, or many politicians associated with them admit that monarchism is the best possible system. On the other hand, in the general social perception, the return to monarchy in Poland seems to be an abstract and not very realistic option. The activity of monarchist communities seems to be marginal or original, but ineffective phenomenon. Meanwhile, after 1989 was created many organizations reminiscent of monarchist traditions and several of them continue their activities, which are often very intense and diverse.

Doctoral dissertation „The monarchist movements in the Third Republic of Poland – study of political science” is aimed at presenting monarchist organizations that appeared on the Polish political scene after 1989, as well as comprehensive analysis of their activities. An important aspect of dissertation is a compilation of contemporary monarchist organizations with similar organizations that operated in the Second Republic Poland. The dissertation also includes forecasts regarding the future of these organizations.

The basic hypothesis of dissertation is the statement that after 1989 there was a specific rebirth of ideologies based on monarchist traditions. Currently, the development of such organizations, their activities and growing number indicate the royalistic ideas gain popularity and recognition.

Among the research methods which are used in this dissertation can be distinguished the method of document and source analysis as well as the method of a diagnostic survey. The programs of political parties and royalistic organizations are also analyzed, as well as the publications of people related with monarchism. In addition, the author made interviews with fifteen polish monarchists.

The thesis contains five chapters supplemented with an introduction, a list of abbreviations, an ending and a bibliography. The first chapter, which has an introductory character, is an attempt to define a concept of parties, political associations and political

movements. A very important aspect of that chapter is an attempt to classify various political parties and also an analysis of activity of these parties in Poland.

The second chapter discusses the theory of monarchist movements. This part of the dissertation describes the monarchist organizations operating in the world, and also analyzes the perception of monarchy in selected European countries (Great Britain, Denmark, Spain). The author also describes an outline of world monarchism with a special emphasis on history and development of that movement.

The third chapter of the dissertation presents the history of Polish monarchist organizations. The author pays particular attention to associations and parties that were active during the period of the Second Republic of Poland.

The next chapter presents Polish associations and parties with a royalistic profile that were created after 1989. This part of dissertation also presents the profiles of leading Polish royalists and conditions determining the activity and formation of monarchist groups.

The last chapter of the dissertation presents the political dimension of the activities of Polish monarchists after 1989, including such aspects as: political goals and aspirations, political party programs or statutory activities. The classification of monarchist groups is also carried out for organizational, functional or ideological-program reasons. In addition, the author analyzes the results of monarchist parties in the elections after 1989, and also makes predictions about the future of such organizations.