

4th INTERNATIONAL, INTERDISCIPLINARY SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE IN THE FIELD OF BOOKBINDING STUDIES entitled „GOTHIC IN POLAND AND EUROPE”

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We invite you to take part in the 4th International, Interdisciplinary Scientific Conference in the Field of Bookbinding Studies, entitled:

Gothic in Poland and Europe

On 13-14 December 2024, the Department of Print and Digital Media IBIK UMK (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun – Poland), together with the Copernican Library in Toruń, the University Library in Toruń, the District Museum in Toruń, the State Archives in Toruń and the Diocesan Museum in Toruń, is organizing the 4th International, Interdisciplinary Scientific Conference in the Field of Bookbinding Studies entitled "Gothic in Poland and Europe".

The intention of the organizers is to present possibly many aspects of Polish and European bookbinding in the 13th-16th centuries, including such issues as: the definition of the Gothic style in book bindings, the evolution and regional differences in Gothic bindings, connections between Gothic bookbinding decorations and other areas of crafts, iconography of bindings in Gothic art, organization of bookbinding craft in the Gothic era, historical collections of volumes in Gothic bindings, contemporary collections of Gothic bindings in state and church institutions, selected examples of Gothic bindings of special artistic and historical value, as well as conservation/restoration of Gothic bindings.

We invite representatives of the academic community (book researchers, historians, art historians, conservators), library, museum and archival communities, as well as bibliophiles and all enthusiasts of old books, to participate in the conference. The conference languages will be English and Polish (including simultaneous translation). All additional substantive and organizational information can be found on the website: <https://gothic.umk.pl/conference-idea/> Interested persons will find a file with an application form there. The deadline for receiving applications for papers and announcements is 1 November 2024, and for other applications – 15 November 2024.

We would like to add that the conference will be accompanied by the first monumental exhibition of Gothic bindings in European museology, titled „Gothic book bindings of the 13th-16th centuries from Torun collections”, which will take place within the Torun Town Hall (District Museum). It will feature approximately 80 pieces of European bookbinding, including volumes from Teutonic *libraria*, as well as works of Gothic artistic craftsmanship, painting and sculpture showing bound volumes.

You're welcome!

On behalf of the organizers:

Dr hab. Arkadiusz Wagner, prof. UMK/NCU (Nicolaus Copernicus University, Poland) –
chairman of the Scientific Council of the Conference