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Marcin Graban, Ph.D., was born on April 3, 1976 in Starogard Gdański, where in the spring of 1995 he graduated from the Maria Skłodowska Curie High School. In the fall of the same year he was accepted into Kazimierz Wielki University in Bydgoszcz, where in the year 2000 he obtained his MA degree in History. Also in 2000, he began his doctoral studies at the same university. In 2004, he won the Kościuszko Foundation scholarship to study at the Catholic University of America in Washington. In 2005, he submitted and defended his doctoral thesis titled *"The reception of the Rerum Novarum encyclical by Pope Leo XIII in the United States of America in the years 1981–1919"*, written under the supervision of professor Kazimierz Dopierała.

After obtaining his Ph.D., he settled in Poznań, where he initially worked as a primary school teacher in Primary School no. 89. In the years 2008–2011, he was also a lecturer at the Poznań Business College (Poznańska Wyższa Szkoła Biznesu).

In 2011, he became an assistant professor in the Department of Economic History at Adam Mickiewicz University's Institute of History in Poznań. His academic interests included social and economic history of the United States of America, the history of employment relations in the 19th and 20th centuries, as well as the history of the industrial civilization.

In the years 2013–2016, along with his colleagues from the Department of Economic History, he spoke at the annual *Wrocław Meetings with Economic History* conference. In 2013, he presented a paper on *Natural disasters as sources of infrastructure modernization, as exemplified by the flooding of Poznań in 1924*; in 2014 — *The public transportation system in Poznań in the 1960s*; in 2015 — *The process of shaping employment relations in the so-called Western Territories*; and in 2016 — *Water resource management in Greater Poland*, prepared in collaboration with professor Tadeusz Janicki. All these papers were then published in the conference proceedings by the Department of Economic History, Demographics and Statistics of the University of Wrocław's Institute of History.

Dr. Graban authored numerous academic publications, including his latest work: *Alien strikebreakers. The role of immigrant workers in labor relation changes in the United States of America (1880–1930)*. In June 2018, he conducted research for his postdoctoral thesis at Cornell University Ithaca (USA) under a grant from Adam Mickiewicz University's Institute of History.

As part of his work at the Department of Economic History, he was the editorial secretary of the *Studia Historiae Oeconomicae* journal.

He was not only a great academic, but also a dedicated teacher who supported and supervised students writing their BA theses. He also organized and headed a number of study visits for the students of Socioeconomics, as part of the *Polish and European industrial districts – past and present* project led by the Socioeconomics Students Club and the Department of History. In the spring of 2013, he supervised a study tour titled *Upper Silesia – mining – energy sector – industry*, visiting Częstochowa, Tarnowskie Góry, Katowice, Tychy, and Żywiec. These visits aimed at learning about the sites of material and industrial culture of the given region, which formed an integral part of its historical heritage.

Dr. Graban stayed active until his final days. He was an extraordinary lecturer, respected by his students. For us, his colleagues from the Department of Economic History, he was a true friend who taught us how to be tolerant, excited about academic work, and focused on the goals we want to achieve.

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