

*Professor Stanisław Mauersberg's research of education in Poland in the 20th century*

**Summary**

Professor Stanisław Mauersberg was one of the most prominent contemporary historians of education, a lecturer at The Maria Grzegorzewska Academy of Special Education in Warsaw, a professor at the Polish Academy of Sciences, and the vice head of the Institute of History of Education and Technology at the Polish Academy of Sciences from 1977 to 1984. The Professor's main academic interests focused on the period of independent Poland (1918–1939), the war years, as well as the post-war period. He treated each of his research fields with unusual accuracy and profundity. His publications prove that Professor Mauersberg did not hesitate to reach for those fields and subjects which were of a pioneering character and tested his persistence in filling the “blank spaces” in the contemporary history of education. These included the history of Polish intelligentsia and science during the war, German and Soviet occupation, and the problems of indoctrinating school youth after 1947 when communists took over power in Poland. The extensive source materials concerning the history of Polish education between 1944 and 1956 edited by Professor Mauersberg comprised the last part of his overall research. He published about 20 monographs and numerous articles and dissertations. He was the editor of leading Polish journals dealing with the history of education: “Rozprawy z Dziejów Oświaty” and “Przegląd Historyczno- Oświatowy”, and a supervisor of M.A., Ph.D. and postdoctoral degree dissertations, and a great expert in Polish education of the 20th century.

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