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filmu (Film Anthropology, 1975), *Gwiazdozbiór* (Constellation, 1983), *Moja filmoteka* (My Film Archive, 1983), *Kino polskie* (Polish Cinema, 1983), *Kino na świecie* (Film of the World, 1983).

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Koszczyc Witkiewicz (1881-1958) i budowanie w jego czasach [Jan Koszczyc Witkiewicz (1881-1958): architect and building in his times], 1998; series of books *Architektura w Warszawie* [The Architecture in Warsaw], 1998-2005. She published many texts among other in "Teksty Drugie", "Konteksty", "Modus", "Biuletyn Historii Sztuki", "Rocznik Historii Sztuki".

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Grzegorz Nadgrodkiewicz

Tragicomedy dell'arte, or Pierrotade à la Godard

Nadgrodkiewicz reflects on the phenomenon of the durability of a cultural model, i.e. *commedia dell'arte* with its central characters – Pierrot and Columbine. He detects this cultural pattern in Jean-Luc Godard's *Pierrot le fou* (1965). In Godard's film this model takes on the form of a peculiar tragic-comedy dell'arte. Ferdinand, the main hero, and his lover Marianne hide their true faces under masks isolating them from the world. They permanently get involved in absurd and grotesque situations, and a series of circumstances leads them inevitably towards the tragic end. Their flight from Paris, car thefts, gunrunning, assaults and unhappy love lead towards death, their final fate. The film is strongly placed in Mediterranean tradition and the pop culture of the 1960s, and its heroes are young people of their time. They have no illusions, are witty and smart, ruthless and self-ironic but desperately helpless in the face of society-imposed commands. Their clownish revolt is doomed to disaster.

Maria Poprzęcka – art historian, essayist. Professor at the Institute of Art History, University of Warsaw, former director of this Institute, she leads Art Historian's Association. She is an author of many books and articles on modern art, 19th century art, methodology of art history, academism, feminine art. In 2009 she received Gdynia Literary Award for her book *Other images. From Alberti to Duchamp*.

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Aleksandra Rodzińska-Chojnowska, M.A. degree at the Historical Faculty (Warsaw University), 1972 (thesis on John of Salisbury). In 1978 granted Ph.D. degree for dissertation: *Anglo-Norman Intellectuals of the Twelfth Century*, and began translating into the English texts on history, history of art, philosophy and law. Cooperated, and collaborates up to this day with: History Meeting House, Arkady Publishing House, National Museum, Fryderyk Chopin Institute, Sejm Publishing House and DiG Publisher, as well as with periodicals: "Acta Poloniae Historica", "Dzieje Najnowsze", "Konteksty. Polska Sztuka Ludowa", "Kwartalnik Historyczny", "Muzealnictwo", "Teatr Lalek" and "Quaestiones Medii Aevi Novae". Since 2000 translated into the English, i.a. Iwona Taida Dróżd, *The Buddhist Kingdom of Lo*, Warszawa 2001; Anna Masłowska, *Chronicle of Exhibitions at National Museum in Warsaw 1862-2002* vol. 1. 1862-1962, Warszawa 2002; vol. 2. 1963-1982, Warszawa 2006; *The History of Polish Diplomacy X-XX c.* (eds. Gerard Labuda, Waldemar Michowicz), Warszawa 2005; *Federalism in the History of Poland: "The Free with the Free, the Equal with the Equal"*, Warszawa 2008; *The Leibenstein Code: Poland during the Twentieth Century along the Traces of Drawings by Jan Leibenstein*, Warszawa 2010; Andrzej Rottermund, Warsaw, Warszawa 2000; Wojciech Fijałkowski, *Wilanów Vademecum*, Warszawa 2011; Mariusz Karpowicz, *What the Façades of Wilanów Tell Us*, Warszawa, 2011.

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sty”, “Lud”. Co-author of the film *Żeby to było ciekawe... O mediatyzacji obrzędów weselnych* [Making it interesting... A film on mediatization of wedding rituals, 2009, with Karolina Dudek].

Anna Sobolewska – professor, historian of literature, a literary critic and an essayist. Since 1970's she has been working in the Institute of Literary Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences in the department of contemporary literature and literary communication. She has also classes with students of film studies at the Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw. Her main research sphere is the relation of literature and mysticism and the poetics of inner experiences. She is specially interested in the lay mysticism of everyday life in the works of poets and writers of the 20th c. Her other spheres of interest embrace transformations of narrative forms, comparative literature, film studies and the new media of today. She is the author of books: *Polish Psychological Prose 1945-1950* (1979); *The Mysticism of Everyday. The Poetics of Inner Experiences* (1992); *Maximally Successful Existence. Essays on the Life and Creative Work of Miron Białoszewski* (1997); *Masks of God. Essays on Writers and Mystics* (2004); *Spiritual Maps of Today. What Has Been Left for Us after New Age?* (2009). Her book *Cela. A Reply to Down Syndrome* (2002) is a autobiographical narrative about her daughter Cecylia with Down Syndrome. She is a member of many associations promoting mentally handicapped people, of educational and literary associations as well as social platforms of religious dialogue and reconciliation of Christians and Jews.

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