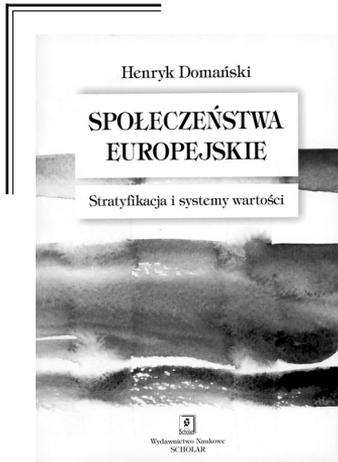


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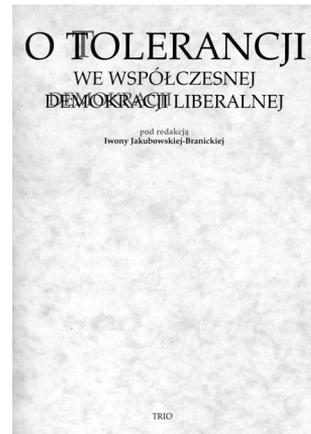
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[About Tolerance
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edited by Iwona Jakubowska-Branicka

Warszawa: Wydawnictwo TRIO, 2010, pp. 338.

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From the Editor:

The book *O tolerancji we współczesnej demokracji liberalnej* contains nine texts devoted to the tolerance issue in the context of the modern liberal democracy assumptions. The authors' reflections are focused on three major problems. Firstly, pondering the essence and scope of the idea of toleration, discussing various theoretical expressions of the notion, theoretical and practical consequences which follow the choice of a certain option. The second deliberated problem is realization of the tolerance concept in the context of axiological and formal assumptions made by the modern liberal democracy. Finally, the problem of tolerance in the culture and value conflict context in the situation of their coexistence within one nation (state) framework and in the dimension of the global coexistence of cultures.

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Osobista teoria transformacji ustrojowej
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**[Paths of Emancipation. A Personal
Theory of the Regime Transformation
in Poland]**

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From the Author:

The book summarizes the author's various publications since 1989 and presents his brand of socio-legal interpretation of social life, focusing on emancipation as the central concept. Emancipation is considered as an axis which organizes interpretation of social changes going on in Poland since 1979 when the first ever Polish Pope visited his home country and was met by millions of people in defiance to the official communist ideology and polity. The next year, „Solidarity”, the first mass independent anti-communist organization developed through the strikes in the Baltic sea shipyards. Once viewed from the perspective of agents of transformation, emancipation may be defined as a constant broadening of activity on the part of individuals and collectives. I analyze emancipation in three basic dimensions 1. liberation of expression, 2. gaining of economic freedom, and 3. emergence of political rights.

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