An outstanding humanist, political scientist, unforgettable lecturer and friend

Professor Andrzej Jan Chodubski, a political scientist and historian, was associated with the University of Gdańsk for over 40 years. He was a great specialist in the methodology of social and humanistic research, problems of civilization and the history of international relations. He was an author of over 1200 publications, including 28 monographs and many articles, a thesis supervisor of 33 doctoral theses, reviewer of dozens of Ph.D. theses, involved in professorship proceedings, founder and Editor-in-Chief of Civilization and Politics, and a member on the scientific councils of many journals. He became a member of the Polish Association of Political Science in 1977, and a member of the Political Science Committee of the Polish Academy of Sciences in 1999.

Professor Andrzej Chodubski was an outstanding figure in the Political Science community, supporting the research and organizational initiatives of many academic institutions. He participated in many national and international conferences, and taught classes in methodology for students, doctoral students and faculty members. He won a number of awards including the Heart for Hearts medal from the National Education Commission for promoting Poland, and the Irene and Franciszek Skowyr Scientific Award. In May 2017, the Senate of the University of Łódź awarded him with the Universitatis Lodziensis Amico Medal of Honour.

One of the research areas which was also important to Professor Chodubski was the Baltic Sea Region and especially the city of Gdańsk. He was a member of the scientific council of the Committee of Baltic and Nordic Area Studies at the University of Łódź and showed many young researchers, including contributors of this volume, great support. We will always remember his tremendous dedication, openness and kindness.