



“Looking at Poland’s ever changing Borders through History and their impact - on Poland and on us too”

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Perhaps more than practically any other country, Poland’s fate over its first 1000 years has been shaped by its border situation, or more accurately, by the absence of readily defined and defensible borders.

In my talk, which I illustrate with vivid maps of Poland over the centuries, I discuss how Poland’s fate has been very much defined by its leaders’ ability to defend the country from powerful enemies - from the west, the East, even the North. Indeed Poland’s profound border situation is a core reason why so many people from Poland emigrated elsewhere - to western Europe, Canada, Brazil, and of course, the United States and to Milwaukee and Wisconsin.

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