



## **TOLERANCE AND CROSSCULTURE COMMUNICATION** **Fedor Sommer's Work and Life for Tolerance and Literary Sovereignty**

### **THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC SEMINAR AND THE SECOND ICI COLLOQUIUM**

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#### **Seminar Venue**

**The Campus of the Karkonosze College in Jelenia Góra, Poland  
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#### **Scope of the Seminar**

The real intercultural exchange cannot occur without the underlying atmosphere of tolerance. Not only does the tolerant attitude encourage and enhance the exchange of spiritual values, but it is the condition sine qua non for every kind of successful communication between cultures as well. The phenomena taking place within the processes of the tolerant cultural exchange can be explicated by using the logical methods of semiotics and phenomenology. These phenomena can also be lived and experienced directly in our personal life or indirectly in the lives of characters that exist on the pages of literary works. The novels of Fedor Sommer, the Silesian writer who was born exactly 150 years ago, present a grateful field for exploring how the idea of tolerance evolved in the Lower Silesia. The seminar will focus on the understanding of tolerance in this region since 18<sup>th</sup> century. We will also describe how some signs of Silesian culture were taken to America and integrated there. Last but not least, we will discuss the message we have received from Fedor Sommer's life and work.