

**Volume X *Antitrinitarianism in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth in European context: Sources – development – influence*, edited by Michał Choptiany and Piotr Wilczek**

This volume is aimed at presenting complex relations between the Polish Antitrinitarians (Polish Brethren, known also as Arians and Socinians) and other confessions operating in the 16th and 17th centuries on the territory of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and at placing this milieu within the context of debates and arguments carried on throughout Europe at that time. The studies gathered in this volume will shed light on the axiological issues present in the discourse of the Polish Brethren and their contacts with the European thought and will be dedicated to such issues as: the formation and evolution of the Antitrinitarian doctrine (in relation to the Calvinist theology and Transylvanian Unitarianism); biblical hermeneutics and philosophical texts; philological research carried out by the Socinian scholars; establishing of international networks of contacts and activity of Socinian expatriates.

The object of research carried out in relation to the volume will be the intellectual heritage of the Polish Brethren, a group of religious dissidents which operated in Poland-Lithuania since 1560 through 1658, and later on in Western Europe. Carrying out such research on a larger scale is important for a number of reasons. One of them is the necessity to organize our knowledge about this community, which over the past few decades had been distorted by a number ideological and schoolish myths and presuppositions, the other is the fact that the revised views, re-readings of well-known primary sources and discoveries of the new ones should be placed within the broader European context which will eventually allow one to show how did the Polish Brethren place themselves on the map of Europe and what role did they play in the pan-European system of circulation of theological, scholarly, literary and socio-political ideas.

The volume will embrace a broad spectrum of activities of Antitrinitarians and the studies will be gathered in four thematic sections: (1) development and evolution of theology and theological workshop of Socinian thinkers (exegetic method, theological polemics); (2) social, political and pedagogical thought (including its axiological and ethical background); (3) literary culture (poetics of particular works, worldview inscribed into the works by Antitrinitarian authors); (4) forms of organisation and social practices within the Antitrinitarian communities. It is crucial for this kind of research to bear in mind that the Antitrinitarian community operated within the polycentric system of circulation of ideas and

interacted with representatives of various intellectual milieux. Therefore, one of the important primary sources will be collections of correspondence, sources related to academic peregrinations and their European diaspora.