The Polish Studies Center Presents:

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“From Politics to Metaphysics: Varieties of Antiirrationalism in Poland”

Kazimierz Ajdukiewicz (1890-1963), a prominent member of the Lvov-Warsaw School of philosophy and logic, warned against committing ourselves to Rationalism and instead set forth the idea of ANTI-IRRATIONALISM which conceives knowledge, including science and morality, as social practices. Thus one can embrace reason with a "small r," without committing oneself to the somewhat totalitarian inclinations of Reason. This interactive workshop will consider order(s) of reason(s) while avoiding the perils of Reason. We will examine how fruitful anti-irrationalism can be for a diverse set of fields including epistemology, metaphysics, and ethics, as well as political theory and practice.

Konrad Werner will introduce the topic and then guide an informal discussion of anti-irrationalism as it relates to a set of illustrative texts.

Handouts will be available at the event.

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6:00-7:30 p.m.
Woodburn Hall 121

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