

## **SUMMARY**

### **The presidents of Kielce 1919-1950.**

The aim of this dissertation is to analyze the activities of the presidents of Kielce city from 1919 to 1950 (excluding the years of the Second World War). The study explores and describes: how they honored their responsibilities and if their terms of office positively imprinted on the municipal economy. Equally important is the comparison between the mayors of the city, pre and post war, as well as collection and verification of their biographical information.

The thesis consists of four chapters which separates political and economic situation. The chapters are organized in the same way, firstly describing the legal environment within which presidents functioned, secondly detailing: the selection process for each of them; their initiatives in financial matters with an emphasis on tax policy; activities to establish and develop municipal companies; their activity concerning social affairs. Last subsection attempts to reflect the way each president governed. At the end of each chapter there is a summary where function of municipal authorities is compared with similar cities at the same period of time.

The study also focuses on increasing dependence from national supervisory authorities. Author try to explain how independence of local government was increasingly eroded. It did not mean that independence disappeared completely in that period but shows how their administrative apparatus was still required for extensive operational planning accomplishment, gaining credits, or applying for government grants. Dissertation shows both: successes and failures.