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Introduction

A Historical Atlas of Gdańsk is part of the series entitled *A Historical Atlas of Polish Towns*. It is the ninth book of the first volume, *Royal Prussia and Warmia*. The atlases are published at the initiative of The International Commission for the History of Towns, which in 1965 established the principles underlying these publications, and, later, twice (in 1968 and 1995), modified those principles. In accordance with those principles, the atlases of individual towns are to be published in the form of separate instalments. The basic map of each book is a cadastral plan from the pre-industrial period on a scale of 1:1000–1:2500, a map of the city's spatial development, a contemporary map of the city, and a historical map of the region (1:25 000–1:100 000). In addition, an atlas is to contain thematic maps, reproductions of selected cartographical sources and views, and also a descriptive section presenting the spatial-functional development of the city, a select bibliography, and a list of maps and views.

The borders of the area discussed are marked by the line of fortifications in Gdańsk, which was given its final shape in the second half of the seventeenth century. Within those limits lay the Main Town with Osiek, the Old Town with suburbs, and part of area covered by the Young Town, which existed until 1455.

In accordance with the Commission's recommendations, *A Historical Atlas of Gdańsk* consists of a discussion of the spatial-functional development of the city from the thirteenth through to the twentieth century, both in terms of individual epochs (Gdańsk up to 1308, and 1308–1454, 1454–1815, 1815–1945, and 1945–1989), and also in selected periods (1454–1460, 1660, 1807, 1866), reconstructions of city plans in specific years, based on the cadastral plan by Daniel Buhse from the years 1866–1869, a plan showing spatial development, discussions of particular issues (social topography, fortifications, defortification, views, the Radunia Canal, and water supply), and reproductions of city plans, panoramas, city views, and photographs, or selected parts of those.

In each chapter, including those in the English translation of the *Atlas*, alongside the Polish names of districts, streets, historical structures and buildings, and institutions, the reader will find the German names that

were in use up to 1945. There is also a Polish-German list of Gdańsk street names.

The project *A Historical Atlas of Polish Towns* was begun in 1993 by Professor dr hab. Antoni Czacharowski of the Institute of History of the Nicholas Copernicus University in Toruń. The current editor of the series is Professor dr hab. Roman Czaja.

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