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Polish Ambassador to Visit ECSU

Willimantic- The Polish Ambassador to the United States, Przemyslaw Grudzinski will visit Eastern Connecticut State University (ECSU) on **Tuesday, April 15th** to discuss *The Economic and Political Transformation of Poland to a Democratic, Free Enterprise, Market-Oriented Nation*. The presentation will begin at **11 a.m. in the Paul E. Johnson, Sr. Community Conference Room (204) located in the J. Eugene Smith Library**.

Ambassador Grudzinski was a member of NSZZ “Solidarnosc” (The Solidarity movement) from its beginning, during the 1980’s, and later assumed leadership roles in the Polish government. From 1997-2000 he was the Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He is also a founding member of the Euro-Atlantic Association and the Council on Foreign Policy, in Warsaw, Poland.

His visit is part of the Distinguished Lecture Series of the David T. Chase Free Enterprise Institute at ECSU.

Ambassador Grudzinski was born in Torun, Poland. He received his M.A. in History from the University of Nicolaus Copernicus in Torun in 1972. He received a

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Ph.D. at the Institute of History, Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw, where he went on to teach for 20 years. During that time he was a Visiting Fellow at the American Council of Learned Societies at Princeton from 1978-1980, at the Center for International Studies at the University of Southern California and at the Center for Strategic and International Studies at UCLA in 1989. He was also designated a Distinguished Fulbright Fellow at Princeton in the fall of 1988.

While a professor at the Polish Academy of Sciences, he was also the advisor to Deputy Minister of National Defense and the Director of the Bureau of Research for the Sejm (Parliament) and Director General for the Sejm.

In the early to mid 1990's, he was Deputy Minister of National Defense and professor at George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Germany.

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