

Abstract

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**Polishness in the discourse of
Jarosław Kaczyński: the aspect of
time and space disturbances**

Among the whole range of symbolically constructed modern national imaginaries (Taylor 2010) the vision of an idealized country, understood as Magic Place set on the vertical axis of Magic Times, remains crucial among patriotic traditionalists. Usually in such discourses time-space compression finds its way by peculiar framing: the Place is strongly physically anchored to the primeval, spatial references, but also imaginatively trespassing on the terrains of the others; on the other hand Time is losing its linearity, and is encapsulated into the Periods of Glory (often anachronic). Since October 25th, 2015 – when Law and Justice won majority of parliamentary seats in Poland – the discourse of the perfect community of Poles has been brought up to full speed, orchestrated by political communication of the ruling party, with an unhidden support from overtly nationalistic political groupings. Its inherent mechanisms include aggressive framing of the others, rhetoric of cynicism and virulence, and the aforementioned time and space meaningful disturbances. It seems to have a growing capacity of attracting mass attention. The presentation is focusing on the language of Jarosław Kaczyński, the charismatic leader of the ruling party and informal 'Chief of Polish State'. His idiolect has been a founding platform for the dominating state political discourse. The sample of ten major Kaczyński's speeches, representing key moments of recent Polish politics, have been selected and discursively analysed to reconstruct the most relevant time and spatial mechanisms.