

## Obituarium / Obituary

### Professor Edward Tryjarski (1923–2021)



On 23 August 2021 Professor Edward Tryjarski, an eminent Polish Turcologist, the doyen of Polish orientalists, died in Warsaw at the age of 98.

Edward Tryjarski was born on 31 March 1923 in Warsaw. After graduating from law studies at the University of Warsaw in 1948, he worked in the Department of Eastern Languages and Issues of the Polish Institute of International Affairs (1948–1950). In 1954–1956, he was a senior editor and deputy head of the Foreign Philology Editorial Office of the State Scientific Publishing House (PWN).

In 1950, Edward Tryjarski graduated in Oriental Studies with a degree in turkology from the Oriental Institute at the University of Warsaw.

In 1961, he obtained his doctorate on the basis of a dissertation on the Kipchak dialect of Polish Armenians written under the supervision of Prof. Ananiasz Zajączkowski.



From 1956, he worked at the Department of Oriental Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences until its closure in 1969, after which he became a member of the Institute of the History of Material Culture of the Polish Academy of Sciences and worked there until his retirement in 1993. He also continued to work with the State Scientific Publishing House, where he was secretary and head of the Foreign Words Dictionary Section.

In 1987, Edward Tryjarski was awarded the academic title of full Professor.

In 1957–1976, he was Secretary of the Editorial Board, and in 1977–2004, Editor-in-Chief of the Yearbook of Oriental Studies, *Rocznik Orientalistyczny*, edited by the Committee of Oriental Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN)

Professor Tryjarski was a member of the Committee of Oriental Studies, and in 2009 was elected its honorary member.

He was also a member of many academic societies, including the Société Asiatique (Paris), Société Finno-Ougrienne (Helsinki), the Permanent International Altaist Conference (PIAC) (Bloomington), Societas Uralo-Altaica (Göttingen–Hamburg), Türk Dili Kurumu (Ankara), Polish Society for Oriental Studies (Warsaw).

Professor Tryjarski has received several prestigious awards and honours: Indiana University Prize for Altaic Studies, the Mesrob Mashtoc medal awarded by the Matenadaran in Yerevan for his contribution to the study of Armenian culture, the Polish Academy of Sciences award in Oriental Studies for the book *Armeno-Kipchak Studies* in 2018.

Professor Edward Tryjarski was the author of over 300 scientific papers published in various languages: Polish, English, French, German, Russian and Turkish. Professor Tryjarski's research focused on the issues of languages, history, religion and customs of Asian, in particular Turkish, peoples. He devoted particular attention to the study of the Kipchak language of Polish Armenians. Of great value are his comprehensive four-volume *Dictionnaire arméno-kiptchak d'après trois manuscrits des collections viennoises* (Parts 1–4, Warsaw 1969–1972) as well as two volumes of source editions and translations of court documents of Armenians of Lviv (*Records of the Armenian Clerical Court of Lviv for the years 1564–1608 and 1625–1630 in the Armenian-Kipchak language*, Cracow 2010, 2017).

The Professor's latest book entitled *Armeno-Kipchak Studies. Collected Papers*, published by the Committee of Oriental Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences in 2017, contains an extensive collection of his studies on the Armeno-Kipchak covering a wide range of topics.

The following biographical articles devoted to Professor Tryjarski provide more information about his scientific achievements:

**In English:**

Dziekan, Marek M., 'Bibliography of Edward Tryjarski 1995–2004', *Rocznik Orientalistyczny* LVII/2 (2005), pp. 9–17.

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*Księga dla uczczenia siedemdziesięciolecia Profesora Edwarda Tryjarskiego / A Volume of Studies Dedicated to Professor Edward Tryjarski on His Seventieth Birthday (Rocznik Orientalistyczny XLIX/2 (1994); contains biographical sketch and bibliography of Edward Tryjarski 1951–2004).*

*Współcześni uczeni polscy. Słownik biograficzny. Tom IV. S-Ż, Ośrodek Przetwarzania Informacji, Warszawa 2002, p. 517.*

**In Turkish:**

Eren, Hasan, ‘Tryjarski, Edward’ in: idem, *Türklük Bilimi Sözlüğü I.abancı Türkologlar*, Türk Dil Kurumu, Ankara 1998, pp. 320–322.

‘Prof. Dr. Edward Tryjarski: Hayati ve Eserleri’ in: Edward Tryjarski, *Türkler ve Doğa*, (ed.) Dursun Ayan, Kitabevi, Istanbul 2016, pp. 11–79.

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