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## **The Idea of Self-Determination of Nations Applied in Cieszyn Silesia in 1920 and the Reaction of the Press in the Affected Countries**

(Abstract)

The text of the study touches on the fate of the Cieszyn region, when in the historic 1920s, by decision of the Conference of Ambassadors, the region was divided between Czechoslovakia and Poland, after the two countries had argued for a year and a half about its division. The publication is divided into three parts. The first part deals with the idea of self-determination of nations – what it was, how it was popularized and where, who were the people who supported this idea in their beliefs, speeches and public statements. The second part concerns the realization of this idea in the Cieszyn region and how Poles and Czechs led the diplomatic dispute over this territory, which was so important for both countries in the period 1919–1920. The third and longest of all, concerns the decision of the Great Powers of Spa of July 28, 1920, in particular how it was covered in the press of the parties concerned. The opinions of the Czech, Polish and Cieszyn local press are presented.

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