Warsaw’s tumultuous history is laid out in its streets and buildings. You have to look hard though, to find evidence of the city’s total destruction at the end of the World War II. What is evident is the resilience and self-determination of the Polish people; hundreds of humble shrines, testaments to those killed fighting the Nazis, are found throughout the city.

After the war, Warsaw’s past began to be reconstructed; the old town, the elegant 19th century boulevards of Krakowskie Przedmieście and Nowy Świat, and Castle Square. But the half-century of communist rule also left a its stamp of socialist realism; most iconic is the Palace of Culture & Science opposite the conference.

In the era of „New Europe”, Warsaw continues to evolve. The polished new skyscrapers stand in irreverent disregard of the socialist values. Daniel Libeskind, architect of Złoty 44, observes, “I grew up under the grey skies of communism. Now it’s a new country; people have light in their eyes, there’s energy.”

The city’s diversity and richness means that there is something for everyone. Historic palaces and churches meet modern architecture, and cosy cafes compete with fashionable music-filled clubs.

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Our program promises something for everyone…

ASW particularly wants to highlight our Pre-conference:
“Let the Children Speak – The Life & Ideals of Janusz Korczak”
Participants will learn about the evolution of children’s rights, child-centered pedagogies, courage and inspiration in the context of World War II and Polish/Jewish History. Participants will reflect on how, when and why values are questioned and defended.

Keynote speakers:
* Dr. Jane Goodall
* Nancy Love

Plus a myriad of institutes and workshops to inspire you and your teaching.
The gala party on Saturday night will be a unique Warsaw experience! Cross the road from the conference and enter the bowels of the Palace of Culture and Science to the flamboyantly decorated Club Mirage. Enjoy Warsaw’s top cover band, 36.6 and indulge your kitschy side, dancing around the notorious central fountain on the lighted dance floor!

GETTING TO & FROM THE AIRPORT

Bus #175 operates between the city and the airport from 4:40am to 11:00pm. The trip costs 3.60zl. Buy a ticket at a newsagent in the terminal. The trip takes 30-45 minutes, depending on traffic. Buses operate frequently. Pickpockets can be a problem. The stop is Dw. Centralny (or Warszawa Centralna). There is a 4 min walk to the Marriott via a below ground walk way. Use the websites below to find a return trip.

Table & Route information for buses
www.ztm.waw.pl/?c=77&l=1
Route Planner
warszawa.jakdojade.pl/?locale=en

By taxi Avoid the taxi drivers soliciting customers inside the terminal, as they severely overcharge. Instead, use one of the companies recommended by the airport authorities (Merc Taxi, MPT Radio Taxi, Ele, or Sawa Taxi). They stop near the exit outside the terminal. A typical fare to a hotel near Warszawa Centralna station is around 40 zl at night, less in the daytime. You are entitled to a receipt (which must specify the route used) upon request. More detailed information:

INFORMATION TO HELP YOU PLAN YOUR VISIT

MONEY: CURRENCY is the zloty (pron. zwoty). About 3 to a US$ or 4 to a Euro.
ATMs (Polish: bankomat) are plentiful around Warsaw. Visa, MasterCard, Visa Electron, and Maestro are widely accepted at most establishments. There are ATMs inside the Marriot.

TIPPING: Waiters and taxis; 10% for good service.

SHOPPING: MALLS (Polish: centrum handlowe) are also plentiful in Warsaw. Usually open 10am - 10pm. Most malls will have a food court, restaurants, and cinemas. One of the best, Zlote Tarasy is across the street from the Marriott. http://www.zlotetarasy.pl/

POLISH ITEMS: Shops are common through out the central tourist area. http://www.warsawtour.pl/en/for-shopping.html

TEMPERATURES: Avg. daytime; 3C, night time; -3C but it could range between +10C and -10C. Definitely winter!

TIME is CET, POWER is standard European,

The American School of Warsaw is honored to host the 2012 CEESA conference. We warmly invite you to Warsaw.