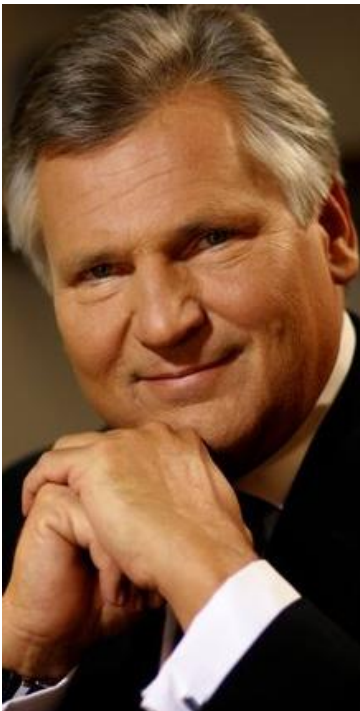


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# ALEKSANDER KWAŚNIEWSKI

President of the Republic of Poland 1995–2005, Warsaw

Aleksander Kwaśniewski was born on the 15th November 1954 in Białogard, Poland.

He was one of the leading figures in European Politics. He participated in the famous “Round-Table” negotiations in Poland that finally brought the peaceful transformation of Poland and the whole Central and Eastern Europe from communism to democracy. He was co-founding member and first chairman of the Social Democratic Party of the Republic of Poland and won the presidential elections for the first time in 1995.

It was under his leadership that Poland finally joined NATO in 1999. During his Presidency, he courageously confronted the past, significantly contributing to the reconciliation between the Polish, German, Jewish and Ukrainian people. Aleksander Kwaśniewski inspired the international mediation efforts during the 2004 Orange Revolution, helping the young democracy in Ukraine to prevail.

Kwaśniewski was appointed Distinguished Scholar in the Practice of Global Leadership at Georgetown University, where he has been teaching as a visiting faculty member about contemporary European politics, the Trans-Atlantic relationship and democratization in Central and Eastern Europe.

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