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Two Great Varsovians: Władysław Tatarkiewicz and Alfred Tarski

The article presents scientific personalities and main achievements of two great scholars: Alfred Tarski and Władysław Tatarkiewicz. They represent different disciplines: Tatarkiewicz was first of all an aesthician and historian of philosophy; Tarski was a logician and mathematician. The article, however, concentrates on similarities between them. Firstly, both Tatarkiewicz and Tarski are counted among members of the Lvov-Warsaw School. Secondly, they were born and worked in Warsaw (in the case of Tarski – until the outbreak of the World War II). Thirdly, they were strongly attached to their homeland: Poland. Fourthly, one of the common motives of their views is philosophical absolutism.

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