

INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

Conscientious Objection – Between Individual Freedom and Duty to Society

Venue: University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Branch in Ełk, ul. Kościuszki 23, 19-300 Ełk, Poland

Conference Format: Hybrid (on-site and online)

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3:30 PM (Polish time, CET) https://meet.google.com/gtp-hwpf-fqe

Conference Opening Ceremony

- **Marcin Radziłowicz** – Director of the Branch in Ełk of the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Poland
- **Remigiusz Górski** – Dean of the Faculty of Theology, Trnava University, Slovakia
- **Michaela Moravčíková** – Institute for Legal Aspects of Religious Freedom. Faculty of Law, Trnava University, Slovakia
- **Paweł Lewandowski** – Vice-Dean of the College of Legal Sciences, Nicolaus Copernicus Superior School in Warsaw, Poland
- **Oksana Koval** – Director of the Educational and Research Centre for Communications, West Ukrainian National University, Ternopil, Ukraine
- **Arkadiusz Indraszczyk** – Director of the Institute of Political Science and Public Administration, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Siedlce, Poland

4:00–5:30 PM (Polish time, CET) Session 1A, 1B, 1C

6:00–8:00 PM (Polish time, CET) Session 2A, 2B, 2C

Session 1A and 2A **Google Meet** https://meet.google.com/gtp-hwpf-fqe

Session 1B and 2B **Google Meet** https://meet.google.com/jxx-qamt-jps

Session 1C and 2C **Zoom Meeting ID**: 838 555 6160, Passcode: 092020



SESSION 1A

Freedom of Conscience: Philosophical, Constitutional and Canonical Perspectives

Session Chair: Edyta Sokalska (University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn)

1. **Marek Šmid** (Trnava University)
An International Legal Solution to the Conflict of Conscience

2. **Mieczysław Różański** (University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Branch in Ełk)
The Limits of the Autonomy of Freedom of Conscience under the Polish Constitutions of 1952 and 1997

3. **Remigiusz Górski** (Trnava University)
Epikeia and Aequitas Canonica as a Model for the Proportionate Resolution of Conflicts of Conscience Between the Internal Forum and the Common Good

4. **Damián Němec** (Trnava University & Palacký University)
A Comparison of the Application of Conscientious Objection in Healthcare in Poland, Slovakia and the Czech Republic

5. **Michaela Moravčíková** (Trnava University)
The Right to Refuse a Blood Transfusion on Religious Grounds: A Conscientious Objection Between Patient Autonomy and the Protection of Life

6. **Róbert Brtko** (Comenius University in Bratislava)
Exemptions (*excusationes*) from the Exercise of *Cura Minorum* in Classical and Justinianic Roman Law

7. **Mateusz Wyrzykowski** (The Catholic Academy in Warsaw)
The Philosopher's Inner Freedom and Loyalty to the Polis and the Diaspora in the Thought of Philo of Alexandria

Discussion

SESSION 1B

Freedom of Conscience in Public Life: Individual Rights, Professional Duties and the Common Good

Session Chairs: Agata Opalska-Kasprzak (University of Siedlce) and **Marcin Radziłowicz** (University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Branch in Ełk)

1. **Kamila Bubelová** (Palacký University)
Conscientious Objection and the Seal of Confession under Czech Law: The Legal Status and Protection of the Penitent

2. **Wojciech Guzewicz** (University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Branch in Ełk)
The Conscience of a Catholic in Public Life: Between Freedom of Belief and Responsibility for the Common Good

3. **Arkadiusz Indraszczyk** (University of Siedlce)
Freedom of Conscience in Political Activity

4. **Marcin Radziłowicz** (University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Branch in Ełk)
The Limits of Freedom of Conscience in the Performance of Public Duties Related to Civil Protection and Local Security

5. **Marek Strzała** (Jagiellonian University)
Conscientious Objection by Laboratory Technicians in Selected European Union Countries

6. **Jacek Mrozek** (University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Branch in Ełk)
Conscientious Objection and the Axiological Security of the Individual

7. **Tomáš Grygar** (Palacký University)
The Seal of Confession in the Concordat Agreement between the Czech Republic and the Holy See: A Critical Commentary on Constitutional Court Decision Pl. ÚS 8/25

8. **Stella Muśnicka** (University of Warsaw; SGH Warsaw School of Economics)
Physicians' Freedom of Conscience and Patients' Rights: A Comparative Analysis of Poland, France and Germany

Discussion

SESSION 1C

Freedom of Conscience, Moral Choice and Social Responsibility in Economic and Public Life

Session Chair: Oksana Koval (West Ukrainian National University)

1. **Zoriana Lobodina** (West Ukrainian National University), **Volodymyr Trush** (King Danylo Lviv National Medical University; West Ukrainian National University)
Participatory budgeting as an instrument for promoting social justice and inclusiveness

2. **Anatoliy Sydorchuk** (West Ukrainian National University)
Freedom of Conscience in Economic Activity: Ethical Limits to Profit Maximization and the Principle of Social Responsibility

3. **Oksana Koval** (West Ukrainian National University)
Value and Meaning Foundations of Personal Moral Choice: The Communicative Dimension of V. A. Romenets' Theory of the Act

4. **Andrii Masliuk** (National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine)
Moral Choice and Personal Responsibility: Psychological Perspectives on Freedom of Conscience

5. **Viktor Basara** (West Ukrainian National University)
A Formula for Coexistence: From Individual Freedom to Social Responsibility

6. **Nadiia Khoma** (West Ukrainian National University)
Between Moral Imperative and the Logic of Profit: Ethical Dilemmas and Value Conflicts in the Operations of Modern Organizations

7. **Bohdana Shuliuk** (West Ukrainian National University)
Corporate Social Responsibility in the Context of Inclusive Economy Formation: Synergy Between Economic Interests and Societal Values

8. **Nataliya Kolomyychuk, Svitlana Savchuk** (West Ukrainian National University)
The Limits of Business Autonomy in World Finance: The Ethical Choices of TNCs as a Source of Macro-Financial Risks

9. **Michal Turošík** (Comenius University in Bratislava)
Verba and Voluntas: Reservatio Mentalis and the Limits of the Legal Relevance of Conscience in Roman Law

10. **Svitlana Koval** (West Ukrainian National University)
Personal Meaning and Conscience in the Moral Choice of an Entrepreneur: The Tax Dimension of an Act

11. **Iryna Sydor** (West Ukrainian National University)
Moral and Value Determinants of Financial Behavior of Subjects in the New Paradigm of Public Finance

12. **Bohdan Malyniak** (West Ukrainian National University)
Public Finance Communications: Economic Efficiency and Moral Responsibility in Budget Decisions

13. **Oksana Liaska, Olena Makarova** (Kharkiv National University of Internal Affairs)
Emotional Labour and Moral Distress Among Professionals Who Notify Families of the Death of Service Members

Discussion

SESSION 2A

Freedom of Conscience, Human Dignity and Ethical Dilemmas in Healthcare

Session Chair: Michaela Moravčíková (Trnava University)

1. **Tomasz Jakubiak** (The Catholic Academy in Warsaw)
Conscientious Objection in the Doctrine and Discipline of the Catholic Church

2. **Łukasz Duda** (The Catholic Academy in Warsaw)
Medicine as a Moral Practice and Conscientious Objection: The Perspectives of Farr Curlin and Christopher Tollefsen

3. **Katarzyna Pluta** (University of Opole)
The Conflict Between a Pharmacist's Freedom of Conscience and the Obligation to Ensure Universal Access to Medicinal Products

4. **Andrzej Dzikowski** (Warsaw University of Life Sciences)
Is There Any Conscience Clause in Veterinary Medicine?

5. **Magdalena Debita** (University College of Professional Education in Wrocław)
The Limits of a Physician’s Conscience Clause in the Light of Criminal Liability for Exposing a Patient to Danger under Article 160 of the Polish Criminal Code

6. **Dominik Sokalski** (Praga Hospital of the Transfiguration of the Lord in Warsaw)
Prioritisation and Access to Healthcare Services

7. **Edyta Sokalska, Joanna Słyszewska** (University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn)
Eugenics as an Expression of Social Engineering in the Case Law of the Supreme Court of the United States

8. **Ernest Bodura** (University of Vienna)
Legal Regulations Governing Conscientious Objection in the Legal System of the Modern State of Israel

9. **Daniel Rowicki**
The Conscience Clause for Healthcare Workers

10. **Maciej Mikołajczyk** (District Sanitary and Epidemiological Station in Iława)
The Right to Health Protection and Freedom of Conscience: A Constitutional Conflict of Values in the State's Health Security System

Discussion

SESSION 2B

Freedom of Conscience, Individual Rights and Professional Responsibility in Law and Public Life

Session Chair: Mieczysław Różański (University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Branch in Ełk)

1. **Dariusz Walencik** (University of Opole)
The Boundary Between the Expression of a Worldview and Refusal to Perform Professional Duties in the Work of an Academic Teacher: A Hierarchy of Legal Assessment Criteria

2. **Michał Służalec** (Jan Dlugosz University in Czestochowa)
A Lawyer's Conscientious Objection and the Right to Defence

3. **Justyna Krzywkowska** (University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Branch in Ełk)
The Ecclesiastical Advocate Between Loyalty to the Client and Fidelity to the Truth

4. **Agata Opalska-Kasprzak** (University of Siedlce)
Searches in Criminal Proceedings as an Interference with Individual Rights and Freedoms: Limits of Permissibility and Safeguards

5. **Piotr Wojnicz** (University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Branch in Ełk)
Legal and Ethical Dilemmas in the Search for Missing Persons: Between the Dictates of Conscience and the Duty to Protect Life

6. **Klaudia Kijańska** (Jan Dlugosz University in Czestochowa)
Conscience and the Algorithm: The Legal Framework for AI

7. **Agnieszka Gilewska** (University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Branch in Ełk)
Teacher Values and Conscientious Objection in Schools: Balancing Freedom of Conscience, Professional Ethics, and Student Welfare

8. **Michał Krawczyk** (University of Siedlce)
"Safe Access Zones" (Abortion Services) versus Freedom of Expression, Conscience,

Religion and Assembly – The Judgment of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom in Case [2022] UKSC 32

9. **Iwona Zacharczuk**
The Conscience Clause in Polish Labour Law: Limits of Employee Freedom of Conscience

10. **Grzegorz Maliszkiewicz**
The Conscience Clause in Polish Criminal Law

11. **Mikołaj Mirecki** (University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn)
Limits of the Discretionary Powers of the Head of the Civil Registry Office: Between the Registrar's Freedom of Conscience and the Duty of Impartiality of Public Administrative Authorities

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SESSION 2C

Ethics, Social Justice and Moral Responsibility in Taxation and Public Finance

Session Chair: Andriy Krysovatyy (West Ukrainian National University)

1. **Andriy Krysovatyy** (West Ukrainian National University)
Fiscal Policy in Times of War: Balancing Economic Interests, Social Values, and National Resilience

2. **Fedir Tkachyk** (West Ukrainian National University)
Moral and Ethical Imperatives of Economic Agents' Tax Behavior in the Context of Joseph Stiglitz's Economic Thought

3. **Andrii Kizyma** (West Ukrainian National University)
Moral and Ethical Aspects of Tax Management as a Managerial Activity

4. **Viktoriia Sidliar** (West Ukrainian National University)
Artificial Business Splitting in Wartime: Taxpayers' Moral Responsibility or the State's Duty to Close Legal Loopholes?

5. **Volodymyr Valihura, Tetiana Valihura** (West Ukrainian National University)
Socio-Economic Asymmetries of Taxation in the Context of Moral Principles of Justice

6. **Paweł Lewandowski** (The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin)
The Protection of the Poor and Excluded as a Matter of Conscience: Canonical and Legal Instruments in the Teaching and Legislation of Pope Francis

7. **Tetiana Kizyma** (West Ukrainian National University)
Moral and Behavioral Concepts of Public Finance Development in Ukraine

8. **Volodymyr Horyn** (West Ukrainian National University)
Moral and Ethical Dimensions of Reforming the Social Transfers System in Ukraine: Institutional Traps and the Ethics of Conditionality

9. **Mariya Shesternyak** (West Ukrainian National University)
Between Profit and Values: Freedom of Conscience in Economic Activity and Public Life

10. **Viktorija Bulavynets** (West Ukrainian National University)
Freedom of Conscience as a Component of a Value-Oriented Model of Economic Development

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