

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME



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JUNE 9TH, 2025 | CONFERENCE DAY 1

09:30 - 10:00:

OPENING ADDRESS:

- **Prof. dr hab. Bogumiła Kaniewska,**
rector of the Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań

WELCOME REMARKS:

- **Most Rev. Zbigniew Zieliński PhD,** Archbishop of Poznań

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- **Rabbi Prof. Walter Homolka PhD,** University of Potsdam

10:00 - 11:00

SESSION 1: *CRISIS IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT STATE SCHOOLS*

CHAIR: **REV. JACEK ZJAWIN PHD,** ADAM MICKIEWICZ UNIVERSITY, POZNAŃ

- **Rev. Sławomir Wiktorowicz PhD MSF,** University of San Damaso Madrid
Concordat and Constitution on Religious Teaching in Schools on the Example of Spain
- **Jessica Schmidt-Weil PhD,** Berlin
Religious Instruction in State Schools: Cooperation or Confrontation? Lessons from Germany

11:00 - 11:30

DISCUSSION

11:30 - 12:30

SESSION 2: *AREAS OF TENSION BETWEEN RELIGIOUS AND SECULAR LAW*

CHAIR: **PROF. DR. BURKHARD BERKMANN**

- **Prof. Shimon Shetreet PhD,** Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Secular Limits of Rabbinical Courts and Religion Related Matters: Procedural and Substantive Issues
- **Jakub Stępień PhD,** University of Łódź
State-Church Relations in the Past, Present and Future – an Analysis of the Current Form of Mutual Relations and the Prospects for Change in the Coming Years

12:30 - 13:00

DISCUSSION

13:00 - 14:00

LUNCH

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CONTINUATION

AREAS OF TENSION BETWEEN RELIGIOUS AND SECULAR LAW

CHAIR: **PROF. DR. BURKHARD BERKMANN**

- **Prof. Amihai Radzyner PhD**, Bar-Ilan University

Rabbinical Adjudication under State Law: A Halakhic Cost-Benefit Analysis

- **Aleksandra Brzemia-Bonarek PhD**,

John Paul II Pontifical University of Kraków

Contemporary Church Legislation as a Tool for Reversing the Perception of Lay People as Passive Believers

15:00 - 15:15

DISCUSSION

15:15 - 16:45

SESSION 3: *INNOVATION IN RELIGIOUS LAW IN JUDAISM AND IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH*

CHAIR: **RABBI PROF. WALTER HOMOLKA PHD**, UNIVERSITY OF POTSDAM

- **Prof. Dr. Burkhard Berkmann**,

Institute for Canon Law, University of Munich

The Function of Catholic Canon Law and Its Flexibility

- **Rabbi Prof. Michael J. Broyde PhD**,

Emory University and Columbia Law School

Innovation in Jewish law

- **Prof. KUL dr hab. Paweł Kaleta**, Catholic University of Lublin

Innovations in the Code of Canon Law

16:45 - 17:15

DISCUSSION

17:15 - 17:30

BREAK

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INNOVATION OF RELIGIOUS LAW IN JUDAISM AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHAIR: **RABBI PROF. WALTER HOMOLKA PHD**, UNIVERSITY OF POTSDAM

- **Lukas Brechtel PhD**, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

A cardinal as Co-worker of a Laywoman? Legal Reflections on the Exercise of Ecclesiastical Power of Governance by Lay People in the Roman Curia

- **Prof. Sergey Dolgopolski PhD**, SUNY Buffalo, NY

How Many Tephilin Shel Rosh (Head Phylacteries) Should Conjoined Twins Wear?

18:30 - 18:45

DISCUSSION

20:00

DINNER WITH BOOK LAUNCH ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLISHING HOUSE

WYDAWNICTWO NAUKOWE UAM

Book presentation **Rabbi Stas Wojciechowicz, dr hab. Monika Waluś**

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09:30 - 11:30

SESSION 4: INTERRELIGIOUS MARRIAGES

CHAIR: **RABBI STAS WOJCIECHOWICZ**, JEWISH COMMUNITY OF WARSAW

- **Rabbi Jonah Sievers MA**, Rabbi of the Jewish Community of Berlin and chairperson of the German Liberal Jewish Court

Interfaith Marriages in the Light of Jewish Reform Responsa

- **Prof. Dr hab. Piotr Kopiec**, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin

Interfaith Marriages in Ecumenical Theory

- **Prof. Dr hab. Joanna Haberk**, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań

Exercise of Marital and Parental Rights and Duties in the Case of Different Religious Denominations of the Spouses and Parents

- **Rev. Piotr Lewandowski PhD**, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań

Deficit in Interpersonal Communication and the Invalidity of Marriage

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11:30 - 12:00

DISCUSSION

12:00 - 13:00

SESSION 5: *RELIGIOUS CONVERSION*

CHAIR: **REV. PRZEMYSŁAW ZGÓRECKI PHD**, ADAM MICKIEWICZ UNIVERSITY, POZNAŃ

- **Rabbi Prof. Michael Broyde PhD**

The Return of Jews to Judaism – is a New Conversion Necessary?

- **Rev. Prof. dr hab. Tomasz Gałkowski CP**, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University of Warsaw

Apostates, Heretics, Schismatics – between Conversion and Return to the Church Community

13:00 - 13:15

DISCUSSION

13:15 - 14:15

LUNCH

14:15 - 15:45

SESSION 6: *CLERGY-LAITY RELATIONS*

CHAIR: **REV. PRZEMYSŁAW ZGÓRECKI PHD**, ADAM MICKIEWICZ UNIVERSITY, POZNAŃ

- **Prof. Dr hab. Waldemar Cisło, UKSW**, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, Warsaw

The Church in the Mission of Human Brotherhood

- **Dr hab. Monika Katarzyna Waluś**, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, Warsaw/ **Rev. Prof. UAM dr hab. Andrzej Pryba MSF**, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań

From Conversion to Acceptance. Motives of Religious Conversions

- **Rabbi Alex Goldberg**, Barrister and Interfaith Chaplain, University of Surrey
A Comparative Legal Analysis of Clergy-Lay Relations: Jewish Rabbinical Authority Versus the Legal Framework Governing Other Abrahamic Traditions in Common Law Countries

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AREAS OF TENSION BETWEEN RELIGIOUS AND SECULAR LAW

- **Rev. Dr hab. Rafał Kamiński**, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University, Warsaw
Problems of Cooperation between State and Church in the Field of Procedural Law

16:20

END OF THE CONFERENCE



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