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And Again We Fell Into a Difficult Time



When we complained in the editorial of the issue before last of the Church Law Review not to forget it in the future, the difficult moments that arose in connection with the viral epidemic that spread so quickly from the Communist China to the whole world, we had no idea that the pandemic will last so long and that much of the restrictive measures from the spring of this year will resume in the autumn. But it happened. Science, as can be seen, is not as omnipotent as has been presented since the Enlightenment, nor is it that we “command the wind, the rain,” as we, older people, had to sing as children at school and elsewhere in the early years of the Red Dictatorship. Nevertheless, it is necessary to support the relevant experts to finally find a cure and find a way to eliminate the current “plague”, and if we are believers, to pray for it constantly and continuously.

At universities, we continue with distance learning with the help of the Internet. In this way, we give lectures in all fields of church law, lead seminars, send study texts and homework. The interest of students is lively, the cooperation is excellent. For teachers, however, it is a very demanding method, and often for students. Nothing can replace the atmosphere of the auditorium and live contact tête à tête. The conversation in full, without various restrictions, which interfere with the contact between the teacher and the student during even the most perfect technical mediation of their interaction at a distance. We share concerns with other teachers that long-term continuation of the current way of teaching may result in a reduction of the current level of education.

The authors’ unceasing interest in publishing articles in our specialized journal brings us all the greater joy. The content of the now presented issue was soon filled and the preparation of the first issue of the next year is in full swing. Articles in professional journals perfectly complement the content of lessons at our universities, expand and innovate existing teaching texts and are the subject of analyses in seminars.

Adapted from Editorial written by Prof. Jiří Rajmund Tretera in the next issue of Church Law Review No. 81–4/2020, which will be published at the beginning of December 2020. Table of contents includes:

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Remembrance of Norbert Badal (Z. Horák, J. R. Tretera)

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Usual Time of European Consortium for Church and State Research Conference

In recent years, in the November issue of this periodical, we have always brought readers information about the European Consortium for Church and State Research conference, which took place in different member states of the European Union. Last year it was in Luxembourg.¹

However, we regret to say that the planned Consortium conference in Greece at the Faculty of Law of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, prepared by Professor Lina Papadopoulou from 12th to 15th November 2020 had to be postponed to May 2021 and then to September 2021 due to the current epidemic.

But nice memories of previous years remain! The first meeting attended by one of the authors of this paper was held in Tübingen (Germany) in November 2004, and since 2006 both authors have been attending all meetings regularly. We bring a few photos as a memory with the hope that the epidemic will pass, and the meetings will continue.



University of Alcalá de Henares, 14th November 2015. Members of the Consortium on a tour of the historic part of the university, XXVII meeting on Law and Religion in Workplace from 12th to 15th November 2015.

Photo Záboj Horák

¹ See <http://spcp.prf.cuni.cz/NEWSLETTER-2019.11.pdf>.



Parliament of the State of Latvia (Saeima) in Riga, 15th October 2016. Participants of the XXVIII Consortium meeting in the Latvian resort of Jūrmala on the topic Religious Assistance in Public Institutions during a visit to Riga.

Photo Saeima



Tallinn, historic city centre, 17th November 2017. Participants of the XXIX meeting of the Consortium on Securitization of Religious Freedom – Religion and Scope of State Control on a tour of the Estonian capital.

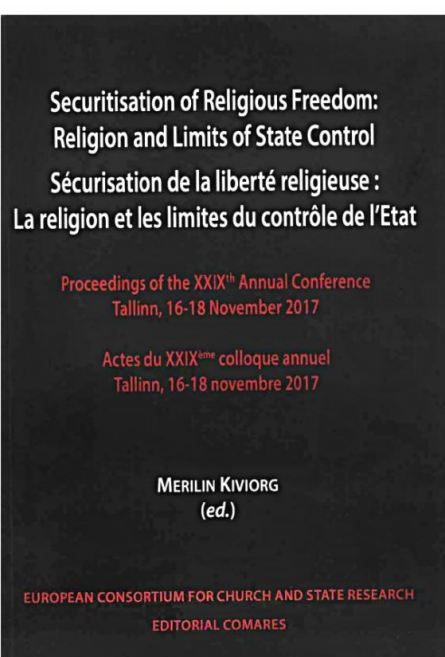


Certosa di Pontignano near Siena, 14th November 2018. XXX meeting of the Consortium on the topic Legal Status of Old and New Religious Minorities in the European Union.

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Jiří Rajmund Tretera/Záboj Horák

New Book from Estonian Conference on Religion Law



This year, the proceedings of the international conference of the European Consortium for Church and State Research, held from 16th to 18th November 2017 in Tallinn, Estonia, were published. The topic of the 29th year was *Securitization of Religious Freedom: Religion and Limits of State Control*. A topic that is very current, because as Dr Merilin Kiviorg states: „*both individual and collective freedom of religion or belief for all has become an endangered species of human rights.*“

In its first part, the collection contains many thematic overviews relating to the topic of ensuring religious freedom. One of them is the paper written by Professor Francis Messner *Securitisation of Religious Freedom: Religion and the Scope of State Control and Education*.

In the second part of the book, there are “national reports” from 21 European countries, mapping the situation in which country. Among the authors of these reports we can find, for example, Professor Wolfgang Wieshaider from Austria, Professor Jiří Rajmund Tretera and Associate Professor Zábaj Horák from the Czech Republic, Professor Balázs Schanda from Hungary, Professor Piotr Stanisławski from Poland, Dr Michaela Moravčíková from Slovakia or Professor Norman Doe and PhD candidate Rebecca Riedel from the United Kingdom.

From New Publications

BAIR, Johann, REES, Wilhelm, (Hg.), *Leistungen der Kirchen und Religionsgemeinschaften in Österreich für Staat und Gesellschaft*, Universität Innsbruck, Innsbruck, 2020, 252 pp., ISBN 978-3-99-106-008-6,

including:

BAIR, Johann, REES, Wilhelm, *Leistungen der Kirchen und Religionsgemeinschaften für Staat und Gesellschaft aus staatskirchenrechtlicher und kirchenrechtlicher Sicht*, pp. 11–28,

BEIGLBÖCK, Herbert, *Leistungen der Römisch-katholischen Kirche für Staat und Gesellschaft in Österreich*, pp. 29–33,

SCHWARZ, Karl W., *Leistungen der Evangelischen Kirche für Staat und Gesellschaft in Österreich*, pp. 35–49.

ŠMÍD, Marek, *Mission: Apostolic Nuncio in Prague, Czechoslovakian-Vatican Diplomatic Relations between 1920 and 1950*, Karolinum Press, Prague, 2020, 299 pp., ISBN 978-80-246-4685-5.

Journals, periodicals

Ecclesiastical Law Journal, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, ISSN 0956-618X, Vol. 22 No. 3, September 2020,

including:

SANDBERG, Russell, *Is the National Health Service a Religion?*, pp. 343–354.

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