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The Fourth ICLARS Conference in Oxford

The fourth international conference of the International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies (ICLARS) was held at St. Hugh's College, Oxford, from 8th to 11th September 2016. The conference was attended by almost two hundred experts on religion law from the whole world. The topic of the conference was *Freedom of/for/from/in Religion: Differing Dimensions of a Common Right?* Prof. W. Cole Durham, founding director of the International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, USA, presided over the conference.

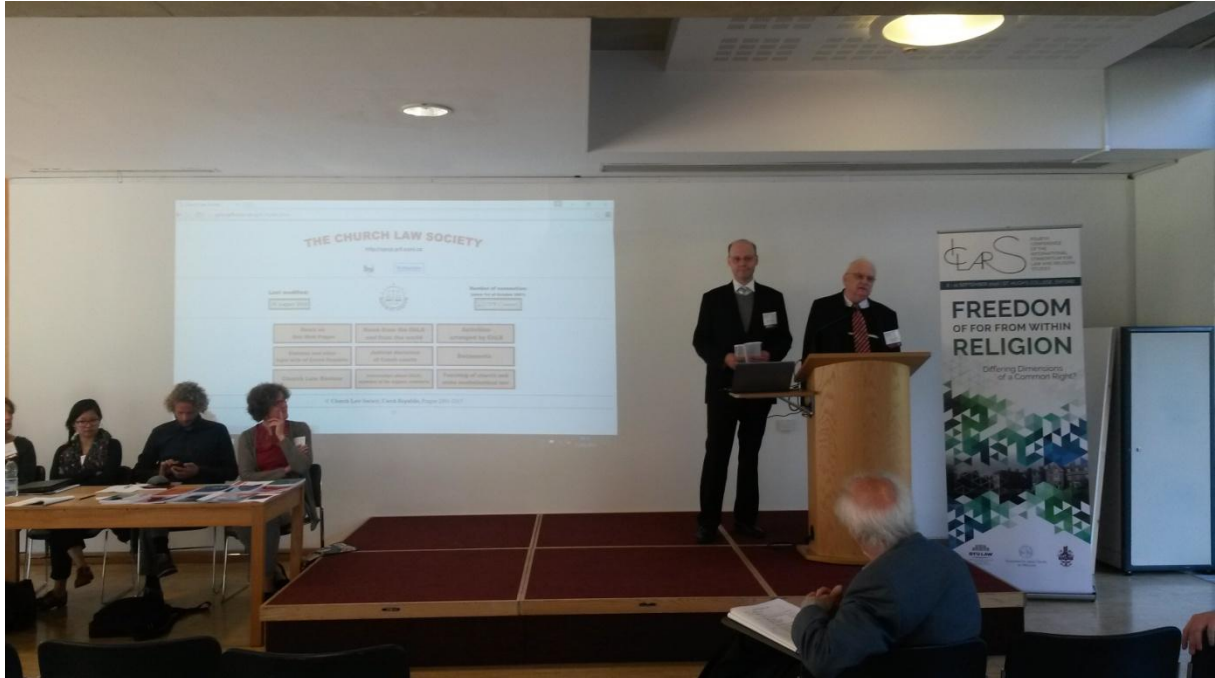
More than 110 lectures were delivered in many sections. Associate Professor Záboj Horák, School of Law, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic, Vice-President of the Church Law Society, Prague, presided over the evening session on Friday 9th September 2016. Four lectures were delivered within this session by lecturers from the United Kingdom, United States of America, Italy and Poland.

Meeting of law and religion journals and book series and meeting of law and religion associations from the whole world took place on Sunday 11th September 2016. Professor Jiří Rajmund Tretera and Associate Professor Záboj Horák, both from the School of Law of the Charles University in Prague, presented the Church Law Review and the Church Law Society.

The programme continued with the ICLARS General Assembly. Prof. Ana María Celis Brunet, Associate Professor and Director of the Center for Law and Religion, Faculty of Law, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, became the new president of ICLARS. New steering committee was elected, too. The new president chose Prof. Mark Hill QC, Visiting Professor, Cardiff University and Dickson Poon School of Law at King's College, London, as her deputy.

ICLARS is an international network of scholars and experts of law and religion. It started in 2007, with the aim to provide a place where information, data, and opinions could easily be exchanged among members and made available to the broader scientific community. To this end, ICLARS regularly organizes conferences and publishes a newsletter.

ICLARS follows on the activities of numerous continental conferences, especially on the European Consortium for Church and State Research. The first ICLARS conference was held in Milan in 2009. From its very beginning, ICLARS has been open to all persons interested in law and religion relations.



The presentation of the Church Law Review and the Church Law Society. From the right stand Professor Jiří Rajmund Tretera and Associate Professor Záboj Horák.

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Our Visit to the Blackfriars in Oxford



The President and the Vice-President of the Church Law Society, Prague, visited father Dr. Robert Ombres OP, a known canonist, at the Dominican Priory of Oxford on Thursday 8th September 2016. Prof. Ombres is a member of the Church Law Society, Prague, and a professor of the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in Rome.

He is a member of the Colloquium of Anglican and Roman Catholic Canon Lawyers, established in Rome in 1999, as an initiative of the Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas, the Centre for Law and Religion, Law School, Cardiff University, and Duquesne Law School, Pittsburgh, USA.

The guests from the Czech Republic visited the priory church and library, which serve to the students of the Blackfriars Hall, one of the forty-four Colleges and Permanent Private Halls of Oxford University.

Upcoming Law and Religion Conferences

22nd Conference *Church and State*, 15th September 2016, Brno, Czech Republic

EUREL Conference *Governance and Religion*, 29–30 September 2016, Luxembourg

XXVIIIth Annual Conference of the European Consortium for Church and State Research – *Religious Assistance in Public Institutions*, 13–16 October 2016, Jūrmala, Latvia

From New Publications

Periodicals

Ecclesiastical Law Journal, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, ISSN 0956-618X,
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including:

CRANMER, Frank, *How Relevant to the United Kingdom are the 'Religious' Cases of the US Supreme Court?*, pp. 300–315,

THOMPSON, A. Keith, *The Liberties of the Church and the City of London in Magna Carta*, pp. 271–290.

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