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Fourth Season of Prague Dialogues on Church and State Relations Successfully Completed



Professor Gerhard Robbers gives a lecture at the conference in Prague on 13th June 2019.

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The international conference, about which we informed in the previous issue of the Newsletter, organized by the Church Law Society and the Faculty of Law of Charles University, took place in Prague from 13th to 15th June 2019 under the title *Fourth Prague Dialogues on Church and State Relations: Spiritual Care in Public Institutions*. The topic of the papers of eleven invited foreign and Czech representatives of religion law science was the legal provision of *categorical pastoral care and service by the presence* of religious communities through specialized chaplains and their associates, for the benefit of the army, prison system, health service, education system, police and fire brigades, victims of crimes, terrorism and natural disasters.



Professor Mark Hill QC gives a lecture at the conference in Prague on 13th June 2019.

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During the first two days of the conference Prof. Gerhard Robbers (Trier), Prof. Mark Hill QC (London), Prof. Adrian Loretan (Lucerne), Prof. Francis Messner (Strasbourg), Associate Professor Damián Němec (Olomouc), Prof. Balázs Schanda (Budapest), Prof. Piotr Stanis (Lublin), Dr Martin Šabo (Trnava), Prof. Wolfgang Wieshaider (Vienna and Prague), Associate Professor Zábaj Horák (Prague) presented their papers. The conference was commenced by Prof. Jiří Rajmund Tretera (Prague). Major Jiří Ignác Laňka, Deacon and Head of the Training Department of the Rapid Deployment Unit of the Police of the Czech Republic, in cooperation with the General Secretary of the Ecumenical Council of Churches in the Czech Republic, ThDr. Petr Jan Vinš, made a special note reporting on the latest developments in the field of police spiritual care at the end of the second day of the conference.

The invitation was accepted by larger number of representatives of Czech universities as well as employees of spiritual care in public institutions. Eleven members of the Church Law

Society, students of the master and doctoral degree programs at the Prague Law Faculty, joined too and contributed significantly to the successful organization of the conference. The Czech Christian Academy, extraordinarily engaged in propagation of categorical pastoral care, was represented by the vice-president, Prof. Pavel Hošek from the Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University. Dr Michal Lamparter and Dr Jaroslav Benák from the Faculty of Law in Brno also attended the conference. The number of participants reached 44 people.

The meeting was held on Thursday and Friday in four sections, chaired by Associate Professor Zábaj Horák, Prof. Piotr Stanisiz, Prof. Wolfgang Wieshaider and Prof. Francis Messner, in the ceremonial hall no. 38 of the Faculty of Law. The catering service of Charles University took care of the participants' refreshment and lunches during the meeting.

On Friday evening, a guided tour of Carolinum, the seat of Charles University with many historical halls, some of them built in 14th century, took place. Two dinners were served in the oldest brewery with restaurant in Prague U Supa (The Vulture). On Saturday, a tour of Prague Castle and a trip by steamboat on the Vltava River were organized for foreign participants.

Church Law Review Included in Web of Science Database

The Church Law Review, published four times a year by the Church Law Society, has been included in the world-renowned Web of Science (WOS). This database offers an integrated approach to citation indexes and useful tools such as Journal Citation Reports, Essential Science Indicators, InCites or EndNote citation manager.

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- Conference Proceedings Citation Index – Social Science & Humanities (CPCI-SSH) /1990 – present/
- Book Citation Index – Science (BKCI-S) /2005 – present/
- Book Citation Index – Social Sciences & Humanities (BKCI-SSH) /2005 – present/
- Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) /2015 – present/
- Current Chemical Reactions (CCR-EXPANDED) /1986 – present/
- Index Chemicus (IC) /1993 – present/

As part of the evaluation of scientific results in the Czech Republic, Web of Science is the main tool for bibliometric evaluation of publications.

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Prof. Peter Landau Passed Away

Consociatio Internationalis Studio Iuris Canonici Promovendo, with which the Church Law Society in Prague has been cooperating closely, announced that Prof. Peter Landau passed away



on 23rd May 2019. Prof. Landau was born on 26th February 1935 in Berlin. He was one of the world's leading experts in medieval canon law. He was active at Yale University (New Haven), University of California (Berkeley), University of Chicago and at the University of Munich, where he taught as Professor of German legal history, recent history of private law, church law, civil law and philosophy of law and politics.

He was Dean of the Faculty of Law of University of Munich, President of the Society for Medieval Canon Law at Zürich and member of the Advisory Board of the Max Planck Institute for European History of Law at Frankfurt am Main. He also dealt with Protestant ecclesiastical law.

Many Czech legal historians recall with gratitude numerous lectures of Prof. Landau at the international conference *Deutscher Rechtshistorikertag* and his funny glosses in the discussion.

From New Publications

BELILES, Mark A., *National Transformation. Strategic Discipleship from the Church to the Nation in Seven Key Spheres of Influence*, Global Transformation Network, Charlottesville, Virginia, 2018, 199 pp., ISBN 9781719422093.

HINGHOFER-SZALKAY, Stephan, KALB, Herbert (eds.), *Islam, Recht und Diversität*, Verlag Österreich, Wien, 2018, 690 pp., ISBN 978-3-7046-7973-4.

VYBÍRALOVÁ, Eva, *Untergrundkirche und geheime Weihen. Eine kirchenrechtliche Untersuchung der Situation in der Tschechoslowakei 1948–1989*, Erfurter Theologische Studien, Band 115, Echter, Würzburg, 2019, 373 pp., ISBN 978-3-429-05363-5.

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