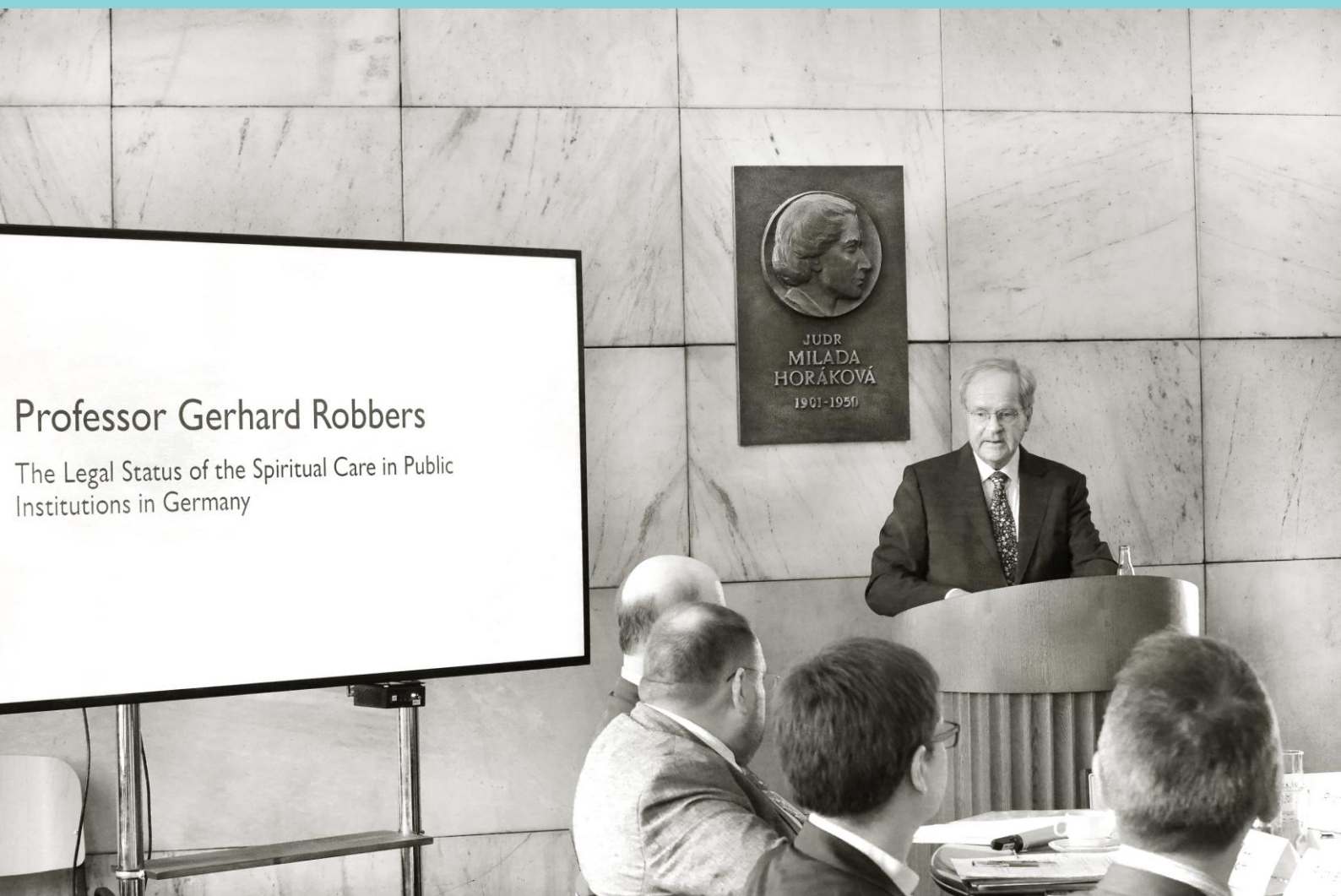


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Czech Christian Academy Celebrates its 30th Anniversary

The Czech Christian Academy was established as the first independent ecumenical institution in Czechoslovakia in early 1990. It continued the activities of Christian housing seminars during the communist era. Its mission is to promote dialogue between churches and society, intra-church dialogue, ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, and the development of Christian intellectual centers in the regions. Today, the Academy has *1110 members, 68 local groups* across the Czech Republic, *11 professional sections* and several *collective members* (such as the Association of Catholic Physicians, *Church Law Society*, University Catholic Movement, etc.). The Czech Christian Academy organizes lectures, seminars, conferences and specialized colloquiums, and focuses on research and journalism (e.g. the magazine *Universum*). At present, the Academy is carrying out four research tasks, among others the *international research project Faith and Beliefs of the Unbelievers*, involving leading theologians, sociologists and philosophers from many European countries and the USA.

Father Josef Zvěřina, the theologian and defender of human rights, was elected to the head of the Czech Christian Academy in January 1990. He was a living symbol of the intellectual and moral revival of the Catholic Church in Czech lands after the Second Vatican Council. After his death in the summer 1990, his disciple *Father Tomáš Halík* was elected president of the Academy. He has been managing the Academy for almost 30 years on the basis of re-elections.

At the General Meeting on 18 January 2020, two vice presidents were confirmed in their positions, the Evangelical theologian Professor Pavel Hošek and historian Associate Professor Jaroslav Šebek. Since 2013, the director of the Academy has been Ms. Ilona Trnková.



From the left: Jaroslav Šebek, Pavel Hošek, Petra Oulíková, Tomáš Halík, Ilona Trnková, Aleš Brotánek, Štěpánka Havlínová, Libuše Beránková. Photo Czech Christian Academy

Upcoming International Conferences

Lund (Sweden)

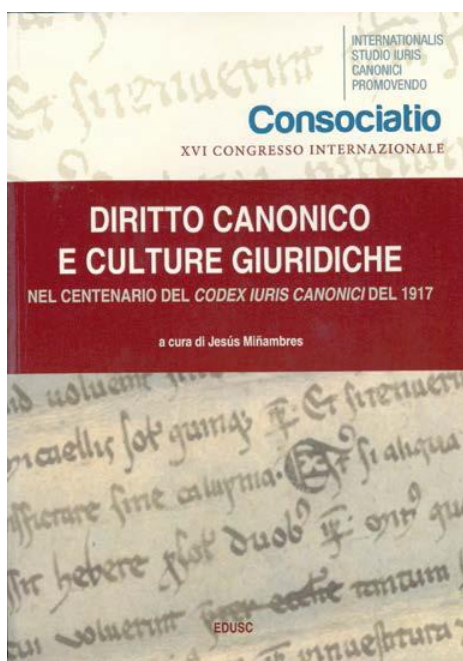
Conference on “Legalising religious communities” will be held in Lund, 2–4 April, 2020. The deadline for papers is 31st January, 2020. See enclosure.

Paris

Consociatio Internationalis Studio Iuris Canonici Promovendo organizes its XVIIth Congress in Paris on 22–25 September 2020. The topic of the Congress is *Personne, droit et justice: la contribution du droit canonique dans l'expérience juridique contemporaine*.

More information at e-mail: segreteria@consociatio.org.

From New Publications



MIÑAMBRES, Jesús (ed.), *Diritto canonico e culture giuridiche: nel centenario del Codex Iuris Canonici del 1917*, Atti del XVI Congresso Internazionale della Consociatio Internationalis Studio Iuris Canonici Promovendo, Roma 4–7 ottobre 2017, EDUSC, Roma, 2019, 937 p., ISBN 978-88-8333-811-3

NĚMEC, Damián (ed.), *Registration of Churches and Religious Societies in the Visegrad Four Countries, Austria and Ukraine/Registrácia cirkví a náboženských spoločností v zemiach Vyšehradskej štvorky, Rakúsku a na Ukrajine*, Praha, 2019, 320 p., ISBN 978-80-7502-369-8.

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Photo on the front page: From international conference Fourth season of Prague Dialogues on Church and State Relations: Spiritual Care in Public Institutions, Faculty of Law, Charles University, Prague, 13th June 2019. Lectures Prof. Gerhard Robbers, Trier, Germany. Photo Antonín Krč

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2 - 4 April 2020, Lund, Sweden

CALL FOR PAPERS:

Legalizing Religious Communities

A CONFERENCE ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF STATE FUNDING FOR RELIGION, RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES, AND FAITH-BASED ORGANISATIONS IN EUROPE

On 30 June 2016, the Swedish Government decided to commission an inquiry into a new amendment of the Regulation on the State Support for Religious Communities. The effect of this work has been written into a report, SOU 2018:18, which offered an in-depth analysis of the previous regulations, and proposed changes that could adapt the legislation to the changing religious landscape in Sweden. The proposals of the report have significant legal and theological implications, which have a bearing on the definition of religion, religious community, and acceptable/encouraged religiosity. They also provide solid ground for comparative analysis. As other countries of the European Union face similar challenges, and many of them

also consider changing their systems of governmental support for faith communities, the Swedish report could be the starting point for a pan-European discussion on the changing relationship between the State and religious communities in the face of growing pluralization.

The conference will provide a forum for academics, research focused practitioners and policy makers to present research findings concerned with the implications of state funding for religion, religious communities and faith-based organizations. We especially invite perspectives from law, theology and social sciences, but related disciplines are also welcomed. We encourage proposals concerned with both single case studies and comparative approach.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- Javier Martínez-Torrón, Complutense University of Madrid
- Jessica Giles, Open University
- Sara Pennicino, Johns Hopkins SAIS Europe
- Ulrich Schmiedel, University of Edinburgh
- Ryszard Piotrowski, University of Warsaw
- Public Panel of Experts on Scandinavian Law & Religion

KEY DATES

- 31 Jan 2020 - Abstract submission deadline
- 14 Feb 2020 - Announcement of acceptance
- 21 Feb 2020 - Announcement of the Conference program
- 2-4 Apr 2020 - Conference
- 30 Nov 2020 - Deadline for Paper Submission to the Post-Conference Volume

HOW TO REACH LUND?

- Flights to Kastrup Airport (CPH) and train to Lund C (approx. 40 minutes)
- Flights to Malmö Sturup (MMX) and Flygbuss to Lunds Centralstation (approx. 35 minutes)

OTHER KEY FACTS

- There is no conference fee.
- The organizers will offer help in finding accommodation if needed.

Submissions of abstracts of approximately 300 words should be sent by email to ryszard.bobrowicz@ctr.lu.se by 31 January 2020.



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