

# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME



## GUARDING THE WAY OF THE LORD. RELIGIOUS LAW VERSUS STATE LAW IN HUMAN EXPERIENCE

**9-10 June 2025**

Collegium Minus,  
Professor Ludwika  
Dobrzyńska-Rybicka Hall  
(1 Wieniawski Street,  
Poznań)

CENTRE FOR AXIOLOGY OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES  
AND SOCIAL CHANGE  
ADAM MICKIEWICZ UNIVERSITY, POZNAŃ (POLAND)  
AND UNIVERSITY OF POTSDAM (GERMANY)

# 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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**14:00 - 15:00**

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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**17:30 - 18:30**

CONTINUATION

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**

# JUNE 10, 2025 | CONFERENCE DAY 2

**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 Haberko**, 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*

# JUNE 10, 2025 | CONFERENCE DAY 2

**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 Cisto, 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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**15:45 - 16:00**

DISCUSSION

**16:00 - 16:20**

CONTINUATION

*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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