

A Brief Review of Scholarly Events in the Field of Legal History in Ukraine in 2023

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Despite the difficult situation caused by Russia's war against Ukraine, Ukrainian scientists in 2023 held historical and legal conferences and published several works in the field of legal history.

1. Works

Legal Regulation of Land Relations in the Territory of Western Ukraine (1941–1944): Historical and Legal Aspects (Правове регулювання земельних відносин на території західної України [1921–1939]) by Olha Zaiats. The monograph examines the legal regulation of land relations in Western Ukrainian lands on the eve of incorporation into the Republic of Poland (1919–1921). The author notes that since the incorporation of Galicia into the Habsburg monarchy the Austrian government, along with the political arrangement of affairs, implemented an economic policy beneficial primarily for the entire state, and not only for certain social strata. Improving the legal status of peasants, particularly the protection of peasant land use rights, was considered an important means of strengthening the state economically. The content of the state policy of the Second Polish Republic in the field of the legal regulation of land relations on the territory of Western Ukraine (1921–1939) is revealed, and its development in the conditions of the revival of Polish statehood is shown. The process of formation of the legal framework was analyzed, as a result of which the main types of legal sources that regulated land relations in the territory of Western Ukraine as part of the Republic of Poland (1921–1939) were determined.

In his work *Legal Science at Lviv University in Personalities* (Юридична наука у Львівському університетів в персоналіях), Volodymyr Kakhnych uses archival sources to analyze and biographically describe the scientific and educational path of leading legal scholars of Lviv University, who made a significant contribution to the development of jurisprudence. Considerable attention is devoted to the characteristics of the scientific output of outstanding legal scholars of Lviv University. The book contains a wealth of factual material and photographs.

2. Conferences

On February 24, 2023, the round-table discussion *The Revolution of Dignity and Russia's War Against Ukraine: Causes and Consequences* (Революція Гідності та війна росії проти України: причини та наслідки) was held at the Faculty of Law of the Ivan Franko National University of Lviv.

On March 24, 2023, the International Scientific Conference *Outstanding Graduates of the Faculty of Law of Ivan Franko National University of Lviv and Their Role in the History of Ukrainian State Formation* (Видатні випускники юридичного факультету Львівського національного університету імені Івана Франка та їхня роль в історії українського державотворення) was held at the Faculty of Law of the Ivan Franko National University of Lviv. The co-organizers of the conference were also the Institute of Legal Sciences of the University of Rzeszów (Poland) and the Faculty of Law, Canon Law and Administration of John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin (Poland). The conference material has been published.¹

The conference was attended by: scholars from Ukraine (Lviv, Kyiv, Odesa) and Poland (Lublin, Rzeszów); University teachers (Ivan Franko Lviv National University, Rzeszów University, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, National University of Bioresources and Nature Management of Ukraine, Mykhailo Drahomanov Ukrainian State University, Odesa Law Academy National University, Lviv Polytechnic National University); researchers of local history museums (Berezhany Museum of Local History), national libraries of Ukraine (V. Stefanyk Lviv National Scientific Library of Ukraine of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine), practical workers (judges and prosecutors) and law students of the Faculty of Law of Ivan Franko Lviv National University.

On November 16, 2023, the round-table discussion *Deportation of Ukrainians in 1944–1951: Historical, Legal and International Aspects* (Депортація українців у 1944–1951 рр.: історичні, юридичні та міжнародні аспекти) was held at the Faculty of Law of the Ivan Franko Lviv National University. The following problems were discussed at the meeting: Legal evaluation of the deportation of Ukrainians from Lemkivshchyna, Nadsyanya, Kholmshchyna, Southern

¹ *Vydatni vypuskyky yurydychnoho fakultetu Lvivskoho natsionalnoho universytetu imeni Ivana Franka ta yikhnia rol v istorii ukrainskoho derzhavotvorennia*, Lviv, 2023 (252 pp.), <https://law.lnu.edu.ua/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Konferentsiia.pdf> (accessed: 31.08.2024).

Podlyashchy, Lyubachivshchyna, and Western Boykivshchyna in 1944–1951; Resettlement of Ukrainians as a result of the Polish-Soviet exchange of territories in 1951; Far Eastern settlements of Ukrainians; Operation “West” – a punitive action of the USSR government against the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA), the most massive forced deportation of the population of Western Ukraine (with the exception of Transcarpathia) to remote regions of Siberia and Kazakhstan, carried out on October 21, 1947.

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