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***The Chronicle of Research and Scholarly Events in Legal and Constitutional History at the Faculty of Law and Administration of the Jagiellonian University in 2023/2024***

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### **1. Joint Initiatives**

Many of the research projects related to the history of law and legal heritage conducted earlier on continued to develop, and they were accompanied by new initiatives, led by scholars representing various departments of the faculty.

The interdisciplinary “Critical Heritage Studies Hub” (CHSH),<sup>1</sup> in which Prof. Maciej Mikuła (Department of Church Law and the Law of Religious Denominations) still holds the position of the Flagship Project Manager, continues its activity. Many of the employees of the historical and legal departments participated in the preparation of the Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) both for the CHSH, as well as the “Legal Heritage Lab” (LHL).<sup>2</sup> One of the CHSH research groups (“Between the Splendid and Difficult Heritage – Heritage of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth”),<sup>3</sup> prepared a volume *Memory, Identity and Governance in Early Modern Poland-Lithuania*, co-edited by Dr. Hab. JU Prof. Katarzyna Kuras (Institute of History, Jagiellonian University) and Dr. Hab. Krzysztof Fokt (Laboratory of Source Editions, Jagiellonian University). The book was accepted for print by Brepols.

Dr. hab. Jan Halberda (Department of General Legal History) continued to coordinate the international R2R research platform “Hector. Heritage, Culture, Norms,”<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://crihestu.id.uj.edu.pl/> (accessed: 1.06.2025).

<sup>2</sup> <https://lhlab.wpia.uj.edu.pl/> (accessed: 1.06.2025).

<sup>3</sup> <https://crihestu.id.uj.edu.pl/polish-lithuanian-commonwealth-heritage> (accessed: 1.06.2025).

<sup>4</sup> <https://lhlab.wpia.uj.edu.pl/hector> (accessed: 1.06.2025).

organizing conferences, scientific meetings and seminars with a large group of researchers from Poland and abroad. Among others, the seminars entitled “Premodern Composite Politics and Their Importance for the Post-national State” (organized by Jan Halberda, Krzysztof Fokt, and Izabela Wasik on May 19, 2023), “Private Law and Public Law: Friends or Enemies?” (November 14, 2023, led by Dr. Hab. Łukasz Marzec, Department of Roman Law), as well as a workshop “Freedom/Equality/Law. The Historical Perspective,” organized by Dr. Hab. Iwona Barwicka-Tylek (Department of the History of Political and Legal Doctrines), were held. Subsequently, the platform transformed into the research group “Hector 2.0” within the CHSH. Also, together with Maciej Mikuła, Jan Halberda organized meetings from the series “Dziedzictwo Prawne. Spotkania Naukowe” (Legal Heritage: Scientific Meetings). Meanwhile, Dr. Hab. Marian Małecki, JU Prof. (Department of General Legal History), along with Dr. Hab. Grzegorz Kowalski (Department of the History of Polish Law), the Museum of the Jagiellonian University and the Jagiellonian Library organized an exhibition on the history of the Faculty of Law of the Jagiellonian University held in the Collegium Maius. The event was accompanied by a published guidebook *Ubi societas ibi ius*. Marian Małecki also organized 12 seminars on Silesian history at the Museum of Military History in Pszczyna and co-edited a work in the series “Pszczynskie Epizody Historyczne” (Pszczyna History Episodes) on the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wisła Wielka village.

## 2. Research Projects

The project “IURA. Źródła prawa dawnego,”<sup>5</sup> led by Maciej Mikuła, continued with ongoing work on old legal publications from the times of the pre-partition Poland. The project was presented by Dr. Paulina Kamińska (Laboratory of Source Editions) at the Digital Humanities Fair of the Jagiellonian University (January 19, 2024). A related article by Maciej Mikuła appeared as well.<sup>6</sup>

The years 2023–2024 were also the last two years of the Erasmus+ project “FONTES: FOstering iNnovative Training in the use of European legal Sources,” in which Maciej Mikuła (PI), Krzysztof Fokt, Paulina Kamińska, Dr. Kacper Górski (Department of

<sup>5</sup> IURA. Sources of old law: <https://iura.uj.edu.pl/dlibra> (accessed: 1.06.2025).

<sup>6</sup> Mikuła, “Repository for Digital Editions.”

the History of Polish Law) and Łukasz Marzec participated.<sup>7</sup> The FONTES platform was presented at the Roma Tre University on October 21, 2024.

Krzysztof Fokt also participated in two external projects: an NCN<sup>8</sup>-funded one, led by Dr. Maria Legut-Pintal from the Wrocław University of Science and Technology (“Metrologiczne aspekty badań nad średniowiecznymi miastami i wsiami. Śląsk na tle rozwiązań europejskich”), and the second, an NPRH-funded<sup>9</sup> project “Nowoczesna Historia Chłopów Polskich” (PI: Prof. Cezary Kukło, University of Białystok).

The CELSA project “Ius commune and local testamentary succession laws in the periphery of the European academic tradition. A comparative analysis of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth and the Low Countries” (co-led by Maciej Mikuła, in partnership with KU Leuven) resulted in an event held in Kraków (January 12–13, 2023), “Ius commune and local testamentary succession laws and customs (ca. 1400–1620),” a collection in *IURA*<sup>10</sup> and the monograph *Testamentary Freedom, ‘Ius Commune’ and Particular Law (c. 1400–1620)* edited by Mark Vermeer, Wouter Druwé, and Maciej Mikuła (2023).

Meanwhile, Dr. Hab. Katarzyna Krzysztofek-Strzała (Department of Church Law and the Law of Religious Denominations) joined two major research initiatives: the project “Dziedzictwo niemieckiego protestantyzmu w Polsce po 1945 r. Polityka – własność – pamięć i tożsamość,” co-created by the Center for German Minority Research in Opole and the Institute of Political Science and Administration of the University of Zielona Góra, as well as the IPN<sup>11</sup> Central Research Project “Władze komunistyczne wobec Kościołów i związków wyznaniowych w Polsce 1944–1989.”

Dr. Mateusz Mataniak (Laboratory of Source Editions) and Paulina Kamińska are participating in the research mini-grant project “Słownik biograficzny sędziów Apelacji Wileńskiej (1918–1939),” funded by POB-Heritage (4<sup>th</sup> edition). The project includes archival trips to the Lithuanian Central State Archives in Vilnius (LCVA). Paulina

<sup>7</sup> For further information, see: <https://fontes.project.uj.edu.pl/> (accessed: 01.06.2025). The project report is available in: Fokt, Górski, Kamińska, Marzec, Mikuła, “FONTES.”

<sup>8</sup> Narodowe Centrum Nauki (National Science Centre): <https://www.ncn.gov.pl/> (accessed: 01.06.2025).

<sup>9</sup> Narodowy Program Rozwoju Humanistyki (National Humanities Development Program): <https://www.gov.pl/web/nauka/narodowy-program-rozwoju-humanistyki> (accessed: 01.06.2025).

<sup>10</sup> See: CELSA Project: <https://iura.uj.edu.pl/dlibra/publication/2362#structure> (accessed: 01.06.2025).

<sup>11</sup> Instytut Pamięci Narodowej (Institute of National Remembrance): <https://www.ipn.gov.pl/> (accessed: 01.06.2025).

Kamińska also contributes to the NCN-funded project “Narodziny nowoczesnego prawa administracyjnego. Porównawcza analiza dorobku czasów stanisławowskich (1764–1795) z osiągnięciami okresu Księstwa Warszawskiego i Królestwa Kongresowego (1807–1830).” Of note is that Wiktor Dziemski MA (Laboratory of Source Editions) received an NCN Preludium grant for his project “*Carthusia quid dicis de te ipsa* – kształtowanie się kartuskiej tożsamości na podstawie piśmiennictwa apologetycznego, polemicznego i hagiograficznego.”

Dr. Piotr Michalik (Department of General Legal History) participated in the international project of Dr. Hab. Norbert Varga (University of Szeged) entitled “Development of the Law in the Interwar Period.” He also visited the University of Lorraine (February 2023) and gave a lecture on the application of the Napoleonic Code in Kraków and established cooperation with Prof. Marta Peguera-Poch (Paris 1).

Under the ID.UJ program, Iwona Barwicka-Tylek and Dr. Anna Ceglarska (both from the Department of the History of Political and Legal Doctrines) received funding to attend the WG HART Workshop “Historicising Jurisprudence” in London, presenting the paper “From Particular to Universal and Back Again: ‘Practicising’ History and Jurisprudence with Aristotle and Titian” (June 26–27, 2024). Additionally, Piotr Michalik received a grant to present his paper “Application of the Institution of Consent to a Jewish Civil Marriage in the Free City of Cracow (1815–1846)” at the 26<sup>th</sup> British Legal History Conference held at the University of Bristol (July 3–6, 2024). The ID.UJ program also supported the translation of the monograph *The French Civil Code in the Free City of Cracow (1815–1846)*, co-authored by Prof. Andrzej Dziadzio, Mateusz Mataniak, and Piotr Michalik.<sup>12</sup>

As part of his research, Jan Halberda completed a research internship at Yale Law School, New Haven, CT (first half of 2024), and later conducted research at St. Mary University School of Law (San Antonio, TX, May 2023) as part of inter-faculty cooperation with Prof. Vincent Johnson and the University of Florida Levin College of Law (Gainesville, FL, March 2024), establishing cooperation with Prof. Larry DiMatteo. That cooperation resulted in two co-authored papers: “Perspectives on Civil Procedure at Law and in Equity in Old England: Honoring the Anniversaries of the Enactment of

<sup>12</sup> Dziadzio, Mataniak, Michalik, *The French Civil Code*.

*Formula Processus* (Poland, 1523) and the Judicature Acts (England, 1873)” (with Vincent Johnson)<sup>13</sup> and “Corrective Justice in Contract Law” (with Larry DiMatteo).

Meanwhile, Kacper Górski was a visiting researcher at LIER-FYT (École des hautes études en sciences sociales, Paris, April 2024). Similarly, Dr. Jakub Pokoj and Dr. Hab. JU Prof. Izabela Lewandowska-Malec (both from the JU Department of the History of Polish Law) visited Lviv in October 2023. Since September 2024, Jakub Pokoj has also taken part in the project “For the Protection of the Republic? Disinformation and Hate Speech in the European Interbellum,” led by Prof. Björnstjern Baade, PhD, from the Free University of Berlin.

Finally, in 2024 the Visegrad grant No. 22330152, “(Dis)continuity of Legal Systems in Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland after WWII: Difficult Heritage,” led by Maciej Mięka, was launched,<sup>14</sup> with an international conference of experts, workshops and the upcoming publication.

### 3. Publications

Over the last two years, the JU legal historians have published extensively. Therefore, this chronicle includes only selected books and foreign-language publications aimed at an international audience.<sup>15</sup>

Iwona Barwicka-Tylek, Jan Halberda and Maciej Mięka also served as editors and authors of the work *The Evolution of Justice, Equity, Equality: Practical Wisdom from the Past*.<sup>16</sup> Jan Halberda contributed a chapter on good faith and fair dealing in the performance of contracts.<sup>17</sup>

Maciej Mięka and Krzysztof Fokt authored a chapter on digitizing old Polish parliamentary sources in the IURA project,<sup>18</sup> whereas Krzysztof Fokt and Tomáš Klír are

<sup>13</sup> Already published: Johnson, Halberda, “Appendix: Perspectives on Civil Procedure.”

• Visegrad Fund

<sup>14</sup> • • The project is co-financed by the Governments of Czechia, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia through Visegrad Grants from the International Visegrad Fund. The mission of the fund is to advance ideas for sustainable regional cooperation in Central Europe. Visegrad Grant No. 22330152. See: <https://crihestu.id.uj.edu.pl/vf-grant> (accessed: 1.06.2025).

<sup>15</sup> The whole collection of publications can be found through the Jagiellonian University Repository (Repozytorium Uniwersytetu Jagiellońskiego): <https://ruj.uj.edu.pl/>.

<sup>16</sup> Published in 2025: Barwicka-Tylek, Halberda, Mięka, *The Evolution*.

<sup>17</sup> Halberda, “Winds of Change.”

<sup>18</sup> Fokt, Mięka, “The Digitalisation.”

authors of the paper “The Right of Re-measurement of Settlements in the Middle Ages in the Light of the Legal Practice of Bohemia and Silesia in the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> centuries.”<sup>19</sup>

The article “The Beginnings of the Secularisation of Marriage in Poland: The Introduction of Civil Marriages and Divorces in Cracow (1810–1818)” by Piotr Michalik was also published,<sup>20</sup> as well as papers by Kacper Górski: “The Image of an Attorney as Illustrated in the Works of Polish Poets and Political Writers in the 16<sup>th</sup>–17<sup>th</sup> Centuries”<sup>21</sup> and Jakub Pokoj: “Wartime Usury in the First Years of the Second Polish Republic (1918–1920). Introductory Remarks.”<sup>22</sup>

From the Department of History of Political and Legal Doctrines, Iwona Barwicka-Tylek published an article: “Aristotle’s Concept of Zoon Politikon: on Political Benefits of Being Not Too Perfect,”<sup>23</sup> while Anna Ceglarska authored the papers: “The Relation between Classical and Legal Education: The Role of Myth in Educating Lawyers”; “Judge Hercules or Theseus? Ancient Hero and Democratic Leadership”; and “The Role of Phronesis in a Knowledge-Based Economy” (co-authored with Dr. Katarzyna Cymbranowicz from Cracow’s University of Economics).<sup>24</sup>

Last but not least, a monograph, *Rzymska locatio conductio jako model odpłatnego udostępniania wartości majątkowych*, was published by Dr. Hab. Grzegorz Blicharz (Department of Roman Law) in 2024.<sup>25</sup>

#### 4. Conferences, Seminars and Lectures

In 2023–2024, scholars from the legal and constitutional history departments actively participated in numerous academic events, both in Poland and abroad, presenting their research, chairing sessions, and fostering international collaboration. We mention just a few of them here.

Andrzej Dziadzio delivered the opening lecture for the academic year at the Mazovian University in Płock titled “Freedom of Speech and Hate Speech – in the Past

<sup>19</sup> Fokt, Klír, “The Right of Re-measurement.”

<sup>20</sup> Michalik, “The Beginnings of the Secularisation of Marriage.”

<sup>21</sup> Górski, “The Image of an Attorney.”

<sup>22</sup> Pokoj, “Wartime Usury.”

<sup>23</sup> Barwicka, “Aristotle’s Concept of Zoon Politikon.”

<sup>24</sup> Ceglarska, “The Relation between Classical and Legal Education”; Ceglarska, “Judge Hercules or Theseus?”; Ceglarska, Cymbranowicz, “The Role of Phronesis.”

<sup>25</sup> Blicharz, *Rzymska locatio conductio*.

and Today” (October 11, 2024). Similarly, Prof. Franciszek Longchamps de Brier (Department of Roman Law) inaugurated the academic year at the Faculty of Law and Administration of the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn with the lecture “Mikołaj Kopernik jako prawnik” (October 6, 2023).

The Department of Roman Law also co-organized two international events: the conference “New Frontiers and Emerging Challenges in Religious Liberty” in cooperation with the Religious Freedom Clinic at Harvard Law School on June 4–5, 2024, and a symposium on Christian lawyers in contemporary Japan, held at the Reitaku University in Tokyo on September 19, 2024. The second event was related to the forthcoming book *Law and Christianity in Japan: The Legacy of Great Jurists* to be published in the Routledge series.

Events were also organized by the Department of the History of Polish Law: *Appellatio omnis a sententia iudicis fieri debet. W pięćsetną rocznicę ustanowienia w Polsce apelacji (1523–2023)*, on June 6–7, 2023,<sup>26</sup> and Department of History of Political and Legal Doctrines: *Repudiating Putinism: Human Rights and the Rule of Law in Russian Religious-Philosophical Thought*, on June 6, 2023 (in cooperation with Northwestern University). Finally, a Kick-off Meeting inaugurating the DIOGENES networking group, organized by the LHL and the Faculty of Law and Administration was held on October 12–13, 2023.<sup>27</sup>

Among individual academic engagements, Dr. Marek Strzała (Department of Church Law and the Law of Religious Denominations) took part in 29 conferences, delivering 19 papers, including presentations at, e.g., the Pontifical Gregorian University, the University of Szeged, the University of Pilsen, the University of Trnava and the Institute of Justice. Andrzej Dziadzio participated in the international conference “Traditional Law and Legal Effectiveness” (University of Pécs, November 15, 2024) with a speech, “The Rise and Essence of the French Institution of Form for Evidentiary Purposes and Its Effective Use on Polish Soils in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries.” As mentioned, Piotr Michalik presented his research in Nancy, Bristol and during the “Dialogues théologiques

<sup>26</sup> See the report: Górski, “«Appellatio omnis»”.

<sup>27</sup> DIgital NetwOrkinG Group of intErNational LEgal HistorianS: <https://lhlab.wpia.uj.edu.pl/diogenes> (accessed: 1.06.2025). See the report: Alexandrowicz, Kaźmierski, Pałka, Wasik, “Report from the DIOGENES Kick-off Meeting.”

et juridiques” conference at the Université Toulouse Capitole, Montauban (November 26–28, 2024) presenting the paper “Le dialogue de l’État et de l’Église sur la sécularisation du mariage en Pologne dans la première moitié du XIXe siècle.” Izabela Wasik (Department of General Legal History) took part in conferences held at the University of Belgrade (March 25, 2024, the paper “From Galicia to Vienna, an Example of a Usury Law in the Habsburg Monarchy”), Szeged (June 7, 2024, the paper “Property Law in the Draft Property Law of the Codification Commission of the Second Republic of Poland”) and Vienna (the paper “Rechtssicherheit und Standgerichte in der Habsburgermonarchie am Beispiel Königreich Galizien und Lodomerien im 19. und 20 Jahrhundert”). Kacper Górski, together with Wiktor Dziemski and Maciej Mikuła, also represented the University at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Medieval Canon Law in Canterbury, July 7–13 2024.<sup>28</sup>

JU legal historians also took part in major national meetings, including the XXIX Ogólnopolski Zjazd Historyków Ustroju i Prawa oraz Doktryn Polityczno-Prawnych in Toruń<sup>29</sup> (September 21–22, 2023). Members of the Department of the History of Political and Legal Doctrines also participated in the XXI Zjazd Katedr Doktryn Politycznych i Prawnych in Wrocław<sup>30</sup> (October 23–24, 2024). Lastly, scholars from the Department of Roman Law contributed to the international congress of Roman law – *XXIV Congreso Internacional and XXVII Congreso Iberoamericano de Derecho Romano* on March 29–31, 2023.

## 5. Miscellaneous

The work of the members of the editorial board of the *Krakowskie Studia z Historii Państwa i Prawa*<sup>31</sup> was appreciated, earning them the Rector’s Award (2024). Teaching excellence was also recognized, with Iwona Barwicka-Tylek and Anna Ceglarska being awarded the Rector’s Award for high quality of teaching work for the academic year 2023/2024, while Marek Strzała received the same award for the year 2022/2023 as well

<sup>28</sup> See the report: Alexandrowicz, “Sprawozdanie.”

<sup>29</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> National Convention of Historians of Political and Legal Systems and of Political and Legal Thought: <https://zjazdhistoriaprawa.umk.pl/> (accessed: 1.06.2025).

<sup>30</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> Convention of Political and Legal Doctrines: <https://prawo.amu.edu.pl/aktualnosci/xxi-zjazd-katedr-historii-doktryn-politycznych-i-prawnych/> (accessed: 1.06.2025).

<sup>31</sup> Cracow Studies of Constitutional and Legal History: <https://ejournals.eu/czasopismo/kshpp/> (accessed: 1.06.2025).

as the “Student’s Mentor” award granted by the JU Student Government. Members of the departments also engaged in inter-faculty (CHSH) and inter-university projects (PThP, CA-ALT)<sup>32</sup> and several student research groups operated under the departments’ supervision.

Professional development remained a priority. Besides participation in workshops and training courses, notably, Dr. Marcin Tomaszewicz (Department of the History of Political and Legal Doctrines) successfully defended his second PhD dissertation (in philosophy) at the Pontifical University of John Paul II in Kraków (June 12, 2024), titled “Koncepcja dziejów Pawła Orozjusza na tle historiozofii antycznej.” Izabela Wasik was a finalist of the Coimbra Group 3-Minute-Thesis competition on March 7, 2024, with a presentation on ad hoc courts in Galicia. She also attended two winter schools: “Heritage on Conflict/Heritage of Conflict” (CHSH), and “Diritto Medievale: Fonti e Metodi” at the University of Palermo, organized as part of the FONTES project. In addition, Wiktor Dziemski participated in the summer school session “Sermoni basso medievali” in Viterbo (June 10–14, 2024).

Finally, in 2024, the memoir *Objąć pamięć: Wspomnienia ze Skotnik i Pychowic z lat 1932–1947* was published. The book contains the childhood and early youth memories of the late Prof. Stanisław Grodziski, former head of the Department of the History of Polish Law, dean of the Faculty of Law and Administration, and vice-rector of the Jagiellonian University.<sup>33</sup>

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