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Legal and Constitutional History at the Faculty of Law and Administration of the Jagiellonian University in 2010

In 2010 in the Chairs and Departments of the Faculty of Law and Administration of the Jagiellonian University there followed a dozen or so significant research-connected events that were concerned with the constitutional and legal history. Below one can find a list of those that were of particular significance.

Chair of Polish Legal History

On the 16th of April in *Collegium Maius* there took place the ceremony of presenting to Professor Waclaw Uruszczak the two-volume commemorative book. The ceremony was attended by the representatives of a dozen or so Polish and foreign academic centers, including the representatives who arrived from Czech Republic and Japan. The two-volume book, edited by Professors Stanislaw Grodziski and Dorota Malec as well as by Anna Karabowicz (LLD) and Marek Stus (LLD) contains a few dozen or so papers produced by the legal historians from a few countries. They tried to honor Professor Uruszczak with the contributions that they had written.

Between the 9th through 11th of March there was held the International Conference devoted to *Ex contractu, ex delicto: history of the law of obligations*. It was the fourth of the annually organized conferences, the previous ones being: Law as close to a Man: studies on family law and the law of inheritance (2007); Culpa et poena: studies in the history of penal law (2008); Ius meratorum, lex mercatoria: studies of commercial law (2009). The 2010 Conference was organized by the Chair of Polish Legal History as assisted by the Section of Constitutional and Legal History affiliated by the Society of Library of the Law Students. The Conference was attended by the participants who represented a few European countries (Croatia, Czech Republic, Italy, Slovakia, Ukraine). The volume containing the papers that they presented is being prepared for publication.

During the entire year there was continued the work on preparing the edition of the Criminal Book of Cracow (1554–1625). In the three-person team implementing this project there were engaged, apart from professor Uruszczak as its head, also Anna Karabowicz and Maciej Mikuła.

Chair of History of Administration and Administrative Thought

On the 13th of November there was held the public defence of doctoral thesis prepared by Marek Stus. The thesis analysed the notarial deeds as drafted in Cracow of the inter-war time (*Małżeńskie umowy majątkowe na ziemiach polskich w latach 1918–1946 ze szczególnym uwzględnieniem praktyki w świetle krakowskich akt notarialnych, Marotal Property Contracts on the Territory of Poland in the Years 1918–1946 with the Focus on Practice in the Context of Notarial Acts of the City of Krakow*). The thesis was supervised by Professor Dorota Malec.

Chair of Political and Legal Doctrines

In 2010 the members of academic staff of the Chair were engaged in completing the fifth volume of the Dictionary of History of Political Doctrines (entries: R-Ś). The Dictionary project is being implemented by a group of Cracow historians of ideas and is scholarly supervised by professors Krystyna Chojnicka and Michał Jaskólski. The project is financed by the grants offered by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education.

This year witnessed also the decision issued on 19 May 2010 by Prorektor for Didactics Andrzej Mania on registering the Scholarly Club of History of Doctrines as affiliated by the Chair of Political and Legal Doctrines. Dr Jacek Malczewski was elected the scholarly counselor of the Club. On occasion of the Club's weekly meetings there were presented a series of papers that dealt inter alia with: Polish-American relationships, political tendencies detectable in the Second Republic of Poland, the present-day manifestations of imperialism, anarchism, modern monarchism, effective democracy and also the creators of political thought who won larger or smaller renown.

Chair of General Legal and Constitutional History Department of Roman Law

On the 14th of June there was held the public defence of the doctoral thesis prepared by Karolina Wyrwińska. The thesis was supervised by Professor Janusz Sondel, its title being: *Aleatory Contracts in Roman Law as Contrasted with the Present Day Commercial instruments of Finances*.

In 2010 there was also published a didactic manual: *Trener Akademicki: prawo rzymskie (Academic Revision: Roman Law)*, Warszawa – Bielsko-Biała 2010, its authors being Franciszek Longchamps de Bériér, Wojciech Dajczak and Tomasz Giaro.

Other events

On the 19th of May there was held the ceremony devoted to the renewing of the awarding of LLD degree to Professor Henryk Olszewski. The Committee engaged in organizing the celebration was composed of professors: Krystyna Chojnicka as the Dean of the Faculty, Dorota Malec as the Vice-Dean, Stanisław Grodziski, Waclaw Uruszczak as the Head of the Chair of Polish Legal History and Michał Jaskólski as the Head of the Chair of History of Political and Legal Doctrines. The Committee made the decision of preparing the jubilee volume of *Krakowskie Studia z Historii Państwa i Prawa (Cracow Studies of Constitutional and Legal History)*, designed to honor professor Henryk Olszewski. The volume was planned to contain 26 papers prepared by Cracow scholars.

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