

Natural Law and Enlightenment Universities in East-Central Europe

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Location: Prague, 19-20 September 2024, Academy of Sciences, Národní 1009/3, 110 00 Praha 1

Organisation: Ivo Cerman (University of South Bohemia), Jan Květina (History Institute, Czech Academy of Sciences)

Accommodation: Novoměstský hotel, Řeznická 1890/4, 11000 Praha 1

Lunch: U Medvídků, Na Perštýně 7, 100 01 Praha 1

The Outline:

Following up the workshop on Eastern Europe that the Network Natural Law 1625-1850 organised in 2019 in Erfurt, the present conference will focus on the era of Enlightenment reforms in the 18th century. It was during this era that the reforming monarchies and the Rzeczpospolita institutionalized natural law at universities and then utilized this discipline in a wide range of legislative measures. Even in East-Central Europe, we can observe the same progress from an academic discipline to practical legislation. As Knud Haakonssen recently put it: 'In sum, early modern natural law was first of all an academic discipline institutionalized for political reasons to discharge social, juridical and political functions.' (Knud Haakonssen, *Cambridge Companion to Natural Law Jurisprudence*, p. 79). The workshop will focus on the institutionalization of natural law and related disciplines at institutes of higher education, it will explore the role of natural law in the drafting of first systematic legal codes and finally on the way natural law arguments were used in the discourse justifying the Enlightenment reforms. Our focus will cover the Habsburg monarchy, the Rzeczpospolita and the present-day Ukraine.

Thursday 19 September

Opening (9.00)

Ivo Cerman – Jan Květina, Welcome Address

I General lectures (9.15-10.15):

Daniel Kroupa (J. E. Purkyně University in Ústí nad Labem), *On the role of natural law in restoring the Czech Charter of Fundamental Rights and Liberties in 1991*

Knud Haakonssen (Copenhagen/St Andrews), *The Study of Natural Law: History or Philosophy?*

(Discussion) (Break)

II Reforms of Higher Education: the institutionalization of natural law (10.40-11.40):

Paweł Fiktus (University of Law in Wrocław) and Marta Baranowska (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń), *Between the Universalism of the Laws of Nature and the Particular National Culture. Hugo Kołłątaj's Reform of the University of Cracow*

Gábor Gángó (Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies, University of Erfurt), *Catholic natural law in Poland, with focus on Feliks Słotwinski*

(Discussion)(Lunch) 12.00-13.00 (Continuation 13.00-14.00)

Volodymyr Kyrychenko (Kharkiv National University of Internal Affairs), *Opposition of Tsarism to the Spread of Ideas of Natural Law in the Universities of the Empire at the Beginning of the 19th Century*

Volodymyr Kakhnych (Faculty of Law, Ivan Franko National University of Lviv), *Natural Law at the University of Lviv*



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(Discussion)(Continuation, 14.20-15.20)

Ivo Cerman (Faculty of Arts, University of South Bohemia), *Were Human Rights in Martini's Natural Law Real?*

Erika Juríková (Faculty of Pedagogy, University of Trnava), *The Introduction of Natural Law at the University of Trnava and its Latin Terminology*

(Discussion)(Break)(Continuation, 16.00-17.30)

Petrasovszky Anna Mária (Faculty of Law, University of Miskolc): *Metamorphosis of Legal Philosophy: The Evolution of Natural Law Conception in 19th Century Hungary*

Ivana Horbec (Croatian Institute of History): *Nikola Škrlec Lomnički and the Political and Cameral Science at Colleges in Habsburg Croatia*

Tibor Bodnár-Király (Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Humanities, Institute of History), *Staatsklugheit and political science at the University of Pest-Buda and the Protestant Colleges of the Eighteenth-Century Kingdom of Hungary*

(Discussion)

Friday 20 September

III Western Influences (9.15-12.00)

Thérance Carvalho (Faculté de droits et des sciences politiques de l'Université de Nantes), *The teaching of physiocracy in Poland-Lithuania: between the renewal of natural law and the encouragement of enlightened reforms*

Volodymyr O. Abaschnik, (Kharkiv National Medical University), *Johann Baptist Schad's "Institutiones juris naturae", Charkoviae, 1814*

Frank Grunert (Interdisziplinäres Zentrum für die Erforschung der Europäischen Aufklärung, Universität Halle), *Natural Law and its Application. Ludwig Heinrich von Jakob (1759-1827) in Kharkiv and St Petersburg*

(Discussion)(Lunch) 12.00-13.00

IV The Impact on Systematic Codifications (13.30-13.25):

Ondřej Horák (Faculty of Law, University of Olomouc), *Natural Law and the Codification of Civil Law in the Habsburg Monarchy*

Christian Neschwara (Rechtswissenschaftliche Fakultät, Universität Wien), *Natural Law and the Codification of Criminal Law in the Habsburg Monarchy*

Paweł Fiktus (University of Law in Wrocław) and Marta Baranowska (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń), *Codification of law in the 18th century in Poland on the example of Andrzej Zamoycki's Code*

(Discussion) (Break)

IV Justifying Enlightenment Reforms (15.00-17.00)



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Olena Sokalska (Scientific-Research Institute of the Criminal-Executive Service and Probation, Kyiv Ukraine), *The Influence of Natural Law on the Cossack Tradition of Early Modern Constitutionalism*

Adam Perlakowski (Faculty of History, Jagiellonski University of Cracow), *Golden Liberty as a Natural Law in the Polish Political Thought*

Jan Květina (History Institute, Czech Academy of Sciences), *Instrumentalization of Polish-Lithuanian early modern republicans in the discourse of the Enlightenment: the case of Modrzewski*

(Discussion)



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