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INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE ON EQUALITY: NEWEST TENDENCIES AND CHALLENGES IN THE PROTECTION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

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Join us



November 28, 2025 (Friday)

Opening of the Conference, 13:30 – 14:00

- 1) Prof. Elżbieta Skorupska-Raczyńska, Rector of the Jacob of Paradies University in Gorzów Wielkopolski (tbc)
- 2) Prof. Beata Orłowska, Dean of the Faculty of Law and National Security, Jacob of Paradies University in Gorzów Wielkopolski

Session I. 14:00 – 15:30, Gender as a (troublesome) normative concept

Moderator: prof. Aleksandra Szczerba

- 1) Prof. Michal Vašečka, Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts/Paneuropean University in Bratislava, *Public attitudes towards transgender people in Slovakia against the background of low inclusiveness towards otherness in Slovak society*
- 2) Prof. Angela Maria Romito, University of Bari Aldo Moro/JM MODULE COMEU4PAR, *When the Uniform Doesn't Fit: Gendered Appearance Standards in Italian Police Recruitment under EU Judicial Review*
- 3) Dr. Stephen Terrett, British Law Centre (based at University of Cambridge) and affiliated lecturer at University of Warsaw, *Sex, Gender and Statutory Interpretation: The UK Courts and the Meaning of 'Woman'*
- 4) Prof. Asst. Dr. Judita Krasniqi, Public International Business College Mitrovica – Kosovo, *Europeanization without Transformation? Gender Equality and the Limits of Legal Transposition in EU-Aspiring Kosovo*

discussion

Coffee break 15:30 – 16:00

Session II. 16:00 – 17:30, Equality as a public matter – national and European perspective

Moderator: dr Cezary Pachnik

- 1) Prof. Valeria Di Comite, University of Bari Aldo Moro/Europe Direct Puglia, *The principle of equal treatment between third-country nationals who are long-term residents and nationals in matters of social security, social assistance and social protection measures under EU Law*
- 2) Prof. Asst. Dr. Labinot Hajdari, Public International Business College Mitrovica Kosovo, *Inclusive and Effective Governance: The Role of Public Administration in Kosovo's EU and NATO Aspirations*
- 3) Prof. Aleksandra Szczerba, Jacob of Paradies University in Gorzów Wielkopolski/Team Europe Direct, *Social inclusion or social illusion? The CJEU and protection against discrimination in headscarf cases*
- 4) Prof. Iwona Jakimowicz-Pisarska, Naval Academy/PTSE, *Political activity and human rights - discrimination against women in the eyes of a political scientist*
- 5) Prof. Natalia Karpinska, Wyższa Szkoła Kształcenia Zawodowego we Wrocławiu/Lesya Ukrainka Volyn National University, *From Trauma to Integration: Equality as a Challenge and Value in Wartime (Od traumy do integracji: równość jako wyzwanie i wartość w czasie wojny)*

discussion

November 29, 2029 (Saturday)

Session 3. 9:30-11:00 (sesja w języku polskim), Od polskości do europejskości – o mniejszościach i równości w ujęciu interdyscyplinarnym

Moderator: prof. Beata Orłowska

- 1) Prof. Marta Witkowska, Warsaw University/Team Europe Direct, *Parlament Europejski wobec unijnych strategii na rzecz równości – sojusznik czy wyzwania dla równościowych planów Komisji Europejskiej?* (*The European Parliament and EU equality strategies – ally or challenge to the European Commission's equality plans?*)
- 2) Matt Czyczerski, University Vizja Warsaw/Team Queerowy Club Cologne, *Dyskryminacje w mniejszości polonijnej – perspektywa osoby queer z doświadczeniem polskości i migracji* (*Discrimination within the Polish diaspora – the perspective of a queer person with experiences of Polish identity and migration*)
- 3) Joanna Szymanska-Bica, RWTH Aachen, Polnischer Sozialrat, *Iluzoryczne przywileje, realne mury. Europejska społeczność w Niemczech* (*Illusory Privileges, Real Walls: The European Community in Germany*)
- 4) Sabina Palluch-Emmerich, Polnischer Sozialrat NRW, *Od barier systemowych do równego dostępu — ukryte mechanizmy dyskryminacji integracji lokalnej w Niemczech* (*From systemic barriers to equal access — hidden mechanisms of discrimination in local integration in Germany*)
- 5) Dr. Katarzyna Zawadzka, University of Szczecin, *Dyskryminacja pozytywna – wyzwania i dylematy* (*Positive discrimination – challenges and dilemmas*)

Dyskusja/discussion

Coffee break 11:00 – 11:30

Session 4. 11:30 – 13:00, Equality and Criminal Law - promising relationship?

Moderator: adw. Filip Woziński

- 1) Prof. Elisabetta Pietrocarlo, Luiss University, *Risk Assessment Tools and Criminal Justice: Comparative Insights and the AI Act's response*
- 2) Dr. Marcin Galiński, Jacob of Paradies University in Gorzów Wielkopolski, *Gang stalking - a new challenge for criminal law?*
- 3) Prof. Magdalena Grzyb, Jagiellonian University, *Female murder victims. An in-depth look at the issue of violence against women*
- 4) Prof. Kalliopi Kipouridou, Aristotle University in Thessaloniki, *Prisoners' right to Healthcare: Equality Challenges under Greek Law*

Discussion

Closing remarks 13:00 – 13:15

- 1) Prof. Aleksandra Szczerba (AJP/TED/PECSA/PTSE)

Light lunch 13:15 – 14:00