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Legal and constitutional history Faculty of Law and Administration of The Jagiellonian University in 2011

In 2011 the members of academic staff in the Chairs and Departments of Faculty of Law and Administration of The Jagiellonian University coconducted their own research in constitutional and legal history and were also engaged in the events of wider range such as conferences or defences of doctoral theses. Several of their achievements that were of particular significance were listed below.

Chair of Polish Legal History

In the Chair of Polish Legal History, apart from the own research activities of the staff, some long-term projects were continued. These were namely those designed to publishing two critical editions of sources:

1) The edition of the Criminal Book of town Cracow (1554–1625). The publication is being prepared by the team headed by professor Waław Uruszczak (with Dr Anna Karabowicz and Dr Maciej Mikuła as his collaborators).

2) *Volumina Constitutionum*, volumes III/2 and IV/1 (critical re-edition of the law-creating production of the Polish-Lithuanian Parliament/Sejm between the 15th through the 18th centuries). The project is supervised by professor Stanisław Grodziski (other persons engaged in this implementation are: professor Waław Uruszczak, Dr Anna Karabowicz, Dr Marcin Kwiecień and Dr Krzysztof Fokt).

On 28 February 2011 a public defence of a doctoral thesis prepared by Anna Karabowicz took place. The title of the thesis was: *Prawodawstwo sejmowe i królewskie za panowania Stefana Batorego (1576–1586)* [*Parliamentary and Royal legislation under the reign of Stefan Batory (1576–1586)*]. The thesis was supervised by professor Waław Uruszczak and reviewed by professors Stanisław Grodziski (Kraków) and Andrzej B. Zakrzewski (Warszawa).

While cooperating with the Society of Library of Law Students, the Chair of Polish Legal History organized a conference *Possessio ac iura in re – z dziejów prawa rze-*

czowego [*Possessio ac iura in re – research in the history of property law*]. This event took place on 6–8 May 2011.

Chair of History of Administration and Administrative Thought

In the year 2011 the members of academic staff of the Chair of History of Administration and Administrative Thought made their own research on the history of administrative jurisprudence and the functioning of administrative institutions in the Polish territories between the 19th through the 20th centuries.

Also a public defence of the doctoral thesis prepared by Michał Nowakowski, on *Okręgowe sądy ubezpieczeń społecznych w Polsce po II wojnie światowej* [*District courts of social insurances in Poland after World War II*] was successfully conducted on 23 March 2011. The thesis was supervised by professor Jerzy Malec, its reviewers being professors Andrzej Dziadzio (Kraków) and Andrzej Wrzyszc (Lublin).

Chair of General Legal History

The main directions of research conducted in the Chair of General Legal History included the legal and constitutional history of the Anglo-Saxon states, especially of England and the United States. While the history of English law was the subject on which professor Kazimierz Baran and Dr Jan Halberda focused their attention, professor Andrzej Bryk was concerned with the constitutional history of the United States. Legal and constitutional history of Austro-Hungarian monarchy was, in its turn, studied by professor Andrzej Dziadzio and Dr Marian Małecki, while the conflicts of constitutional and legal nature detectable among the Polish politicians in exile during the World War II were explored by Dr Marcin Kwiecień. In addition, professor Andrzej Bryk made some research in various constitutional and legal issues referring to the European Union, while Dr Marian Małecki made a study into the European legal culture.

Chair of Political and Legal Doctrines

In 2011 the work upon the 5th volume of the *Słownik Historii Doktryn Politycznych* [*Dictionary of History of Political Doctrines*, entries R-Ś] has been completed. The team that compiled the *Dictionary* was headed by professors Krystyna Chojnicka and Michał Jaskólski, the project being financed by the Ministry of Research and Higher Education. The volume has been positively reviewed.

In 2011 the Chair collaborated also with student associations: the Society of Political Doctrines of the Jagiellonian University and the Society of Turkey and Near East of the Warsaw University in organizing a conference on *Nacjonalizm – istota oraz historyczne i współczesne oblicza* [*Nationalism – its nature, history and contemporary forms*]. The conference took place on the 1st December 2011.

The results of research of the academicians of the Chair of Political and Legal Doctrines were presented in their publications, among which there may be found a monograph by professor Krystyna Chojnicka, *Cerkiew i car. Prawosławie rosyjskie w reformach Piotra Wielkiego* (Kraków 2011).

Department of Roman Law

In this Department the major research lines focused on the study of interrelations of Roman law with other legal systems of antiquity and the contemporary private law. Professor Franciszek Longchamps de Bérier and Dr Paulina Świącicka were presenting results of their studies in several research centres abroad (Liège, Frankfurt, Pavia, Maastricht). Also the project devoted to the translation of *Digesta* into Polish was being elaborated, in which Dr Tomasz Palmirski, Dr Paulina Świącicka and Dr Karolina Wyrwińska were engaged.

In 2011, several monographies were published by the Department's staff (these were: P. Świącicka, *Rzymskie prawo prywatne. Repetytorium*, Warszawa 2011; T. Palmirski, *A History of the Ancient States' Political Systems: Rome*, Kraków 2011; P. Świącicka, T. Palmirski, *Variae Quaestiones. Zbiór kazusów z rzymskiego prawa prywatnego wraz z wyborem źródeł*, Kraków 2011).

The Department collaborated also with student associations (Section of Roman Law of the Society of Library of Law Students in cooperation with the Students' Scholarly Societies *Utriusque Iuris* of the Warsaw University and *Bona Fides* of The Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań) in organization of the conference on *Prawo rzymskie i ABGB. 200 lat doświadczeń* [*Roman Law and ABGB through Prism of 200 years' experience*], 15–16 January 2011.

Joint initiatives involving several units

On 11 April 2011 in the Collegium Maius of The Jagiellonian University a special session of the University Senate was convened. The session was devoted to the solemn renewing of the LLD degree as granted fifty years earlier to Professor Stanisław Grodziski.

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