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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 2015

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In the year 2015, in the Chairs of the Faculty of Law and Administration of the Jagiellonian University which are concerned with legal and constitutional history, apart from the normal didactic and scholarly activities of the staff, several research projects were being continued, two were finished, and a few new ones were launched. At the beginning of the year two important anniversary events in honor of meritorious professors also took place.

Anniversary Celebrations

The first of the abovementioned events was the jubilee of Professor Kazimierz Baran, a renowned expert in general legal and constitutional history, especially known as the author of important scholarly contributions concerning the development of penal law in early-modern England.¹ As the year 2014 brought his 70th birthday, Professor Baran's colleagues decided to compose a special volume of the "Cracow Studies of Constitutional and Legal History", for him embracing the first and second issues of the 7th volume of

¹ The vita and achievements of Professor Baran, see: M. Kwiecień, *Profesor dr hab. Kazimierz Baran*, "Krakowskie Studia z Historii Państwa i Prawa" 2014, vol. 7, iss. 1, pp. 1–5; and the list of Professor's publications, composed by Dr. Jan Halberda, in the same issue of our journal, pp. 7–10.

2014. Ceremonial editions of the publication were presented to Professor Baran during a special celebration organized in the representational lounge of the Larisch Palace on January 27th, 2015 in the presence of the highest authorities of the Faculty of Law and Administration, numerous friends and associates of the guest of honor, and the contributors to the anniversary issues of the journal. Professor Baran's achievements and merits were recounted by Professor Andrzej Dziadzio and the tribute volume dedicated to him was presented to the audience by the editor-in-chief of this journal, Professor Waław Uruszczak.

Another important festivity in honor of a professor known for his achievements in legal and constitutional history took place on March 5th, 2015. The guest of honor was Professor Janusz Sondel, former head of the Chair of Roman Law, and Vice-rector of the Jagiellonian University in the years 1990–1993. The occasion for celebration was the renewal of the doctoral grade he obtained in 1964. Professor Sondel, still active as a scholar and academic teacher, is a renowned expert in the history of Roman law and its contribution to other legal systems. He is laureate of many awards (e.g. from the Centro di Studi Romanistici in Naples, the Foundation for Polish Science, and the City of Cracow), being also known to a broader audience in Poland as a historian of the Jagiellonian University and the author of important lexical publications (i.a., a very popular Latin-Polish dictionary for historians and lawyers, first published in 1997).² The ceremony of the renewal of Professor Sondel's doctoral grade, organized on behalf of the Rector of the Jagiellonian University at the behest of the Faculty of Law and Administration, took place in the auditorium of the Collegium Maius. It was chaired by the Rector of the University, Prof. Dr. Hab. Wojciech Nowak, with the Vice-rectors and the Deans of particular faculties in attendance, and in the presence of many of Professor Sondel's associates, friends, devotees, and relatives. The solemn charter of the renewal of his doctoral grade was read in Latin by Professor Krystyna Chojnicka, Dean of the Faculty of Law and Administration, and the laudation was given by Professor Antoni Dębiński, Rector of the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin.

Chair of Polish Legal History

In the Chair of Polish Legal History a source-editing project, funded by the National Research Centre (NCN), for the critical edition of three volumes of Cracow criminal records from the years 1589–1690, was being continued under the supervision of Professor Waław Uruszczak. Another project in which the Chair was engaged, the preparation of the first volume of a corpus of biographies of professors of law who were active at the Jagiellonian University in the years 1364–1780, was successfully completed, and the re-

² On the vita and achievements of Professor Sondel, see, i.a. the anniversary volume published on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his professional activity: *Leges sapere: Studia i prace dedykowane Profesorowi Januszowi Sondelowi w pięćdziesiątą rocznicę pracy naukowej*, ed. W. Uruszczak, P. Święcicka, A. Kremer, Kraków 2008 (with the list of Professor's publications, pp. 51–62).

spective book published (*Profesorowie Wydziału Prawa Uniwersytetu Jagiellońskiego*, ed. W. Uruszczak, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Jagiellońskiego, Kraków 2015).

The Chair's international cooperation has traditionally been focused on the Czech Republic and Hungary, with Dr. Władysław Pęksa taking part in various activities in those countries. Several of the Chair's representatives (Dr. Władysław Pęksa, Dr. Maciej Mikuła, Kacper Górski MA, Jakub Pokoj MA) also took part in the 7th Conference on Legal History in Szeged, titled "Codification achievements and failures in the 19th–20th century", held on October 29th and 30th, 2015. Dr. Maciej Mikuła also presented his paper at the VIII Rechtshistorikerkonferenz im Ostseeraum ("Judiciary and Society between Privacy and Publicity/Justiz und Gesellschaft zwischen Privatsphäre und Öffentlichkeit"), in Toruń, September 3rd through 6th, 2015, and conducted archival query into legal manuscripts of Magdeburg Law in St. Florian-Stift (Austria) and in Leipzig (Germany).

In 2015, Professor Stanisław Grodziski, *emeritus* of the Chair, published a revised and extended version of his edition of chronical notes written down in various manuscripts in the village of Jazowsko in the years 1662–1855 (*Kronika Jazowska: Zapiski do dziejów Sądcecczyzny z lat 1662–1855*, wyb. i oprac. S. Grodziski, Rozprawy Wydziału Historyczno-Filozoficznego PAU, vol. 114, Kraków 2015).

As every year, the Chair supported international conferences in the series "On the history of law" organized by the Learned Society of Polish Legal History, which is a member of the Society of Law Library Students (TBSP), particularly the anniversary, 10th meeting in that series, titled "*Exegi monumentum aere perennius – pomniki prawa na przestrzeni wieków*" ("*Exegi monumentum aere perennius – Monuments of Law over the Centuries*").³

Chair of History of Administration and Administrative Thought

On February 23rd, 2015, pursuant to the positive conclusion of the respective commission held on January 30th, the Council of the Faculty of Law and Administration of the Jagiellonian University adopted a resolution, by which Dr. Paweł Cichoń, adjunct of the Chair of History of Administration and Administrative Thought, was granted the grade of habilitated doctor.

Books of two of the Chair's collaborators were printed in 2015. In the anniversary series of monographic publications on the buildings of the University (M. Stus, *Pałac Larischa*, Księgarnia Akademicka, Kraków 2015, 147 pp.), Dr. Marek Stus published his monograph concerning the Larisch Palace in Cracow, which at present belongs to the Faculty of Law and Administration, and Dr. Karol Siemaszko published his book concerning the jurisdiction of the Cracow District Court related to the so called "small penal code" in the years 1946–1950 (Karol Siemaszko, „*W trudnym okresie odbudowy państwa*”. *Tak zwany mały kodeks karny w świetle orzecznictwa Sądu Okręgowego*

³ On other student activities supported by the Chair, see also below, in the section devoted to the undertakings involving several units of the Faculty.

w Krakowie w latach 1946–1950, Instytut Pamięci Narodowej, Warszawa 2015, 350 pp.).

The employees of the Chair also were engaged in various undertakings involving other units of the Faculty (see above and below) and participated in various academic events. Dr. Hab. Paweł Cichoń took part in two conferences: one held in Poznań on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of the Vienna Congress (June 9th and 10th, 2015) and another in Warszawa (October 15th and 16th, 2015). At the former, he spoke on the influence of the tutelary powers on the Free City of Cracow and at the latter, on the Polish question during the Vienna Congress. At the 6th International Symposium on the History of Bureaucracy (Kazimierz Dolny, September 26th and 27th, 2015) Dr. Michał Nowakowski presented his paper on administrative judicature in Eastern Europe after World War II, and Dr. Marek Stus took part in the 3rd Polish Conference of Space and Aviation Law (Rzeszów, April 23rd and 24th, 2015).

Chair of General Legal History

In 2015, two of the employees of the Chair advanced in the official hierarchy of Polish scholars: Professor Andrzej Bryk was granted the scholarly title of professor on September 16th, 2015, and on April 27th, 2015, pursuant to the respective resolution of the Council of the Faculty of Law and Administration of the Jagiellonian University, Dr. Marian Małecki was promoted to the grade of habilitated doctor. Also in 2015, Professor Andrzej Dziadzio became a member of the Committee for Legal Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN).

In May 2015, the application of Prof. Dr. hab. Andrzej Dziadzio was evaluated as the best among 140 competing in the 8th OPUS contest of the National Research Centre (NCN) which subsequently qualified him for financial support. Professor Dziadzio's project, titled „Namiestnictwo galicyjskie (1867–1914). Struktura. Zadania. Ludzie. Z dziejów administracji rządowej w austriackiej monarchii konstytucyjnej” (*Galician Governorship 1867–1914: Structures, Tasks, People. From the history of the governmental administration in the Austrian Constitutional Monarchy*), is focused on the analysis of how the Governorship dealt with its ambiguous position between the central government and autonomic institutions, especially in the context of the deep reconstruction of the philosophy of governance from the absolutistic towards constitutional forms in 1867.

The Chair's collaborators presented their papers at various conferences domestically and abroad. I.a. Prof. Dziadzio spoke on the topic of penal processes in the Austro-Hungarian monarchy in the period 1862–1914 at the VIII Rechtshistorikerkonferenz im Ostseeraum (“Judiciary and Society between Privacy and Publicity/Justiz und Gesellschaft zwischen Privatsphäre und Öffentlichkeit”), in Toruń, September 3rd through 6th, 2015.

Paweł Dziwiński, a student attending Prof. Andrzej Dziadzio's seminar, became a beneficiary of the 4th edition of the program “Diamond Grant” of the Ministry for Research and Higher Education with his project focused on the secular execution of the sentences of church courts in Poland before 1563.

Chair of the History of Political and Legal Doctrines

In 2015, the staff of the Chair of the History of Political and Legal Doctrines occupied itself with the presentation of the results of their research through publications and participation in international conferences. The employees and postgraduate students of the Chair also collaborated actively with the Student Learned Society of Political and Legal Doctrines (respective details to be found on the web page of the student association: www.knhd.law.uj.edu.pl).

A very important event among all the activities of the Chair was the publication of the sixth and last volume of the “Dictionary of the History of Political Doctrines”, edited by Professors Michał Jaskólski and Krystyna Chojnicka (*Słownik historii doktryn politycznych*, ed. K. Chojnicka, M. Jaskólski, t. VI: *T–Ż z suplementem*, Wydawnictwo Sejmowe, Warszawa 2015, 996 pp.). The whole, six-volume dictionary contains almost 1100 entries on various subjects (institutions, theories, etc.) and persons, which allow the Polish audience interested in history, law, and politics to broaden their knowledge of widely understood political thought from the distant as well as most recent past.

Another important book edited and co-authored by the staff of the Chair, published in 2015, is the monograph on the methodology and theory of political and legal doctrines (*Myślenie o polityce i prawie. Przedmiot – metoda – praktyka*, ed. I. Barwicka-Tylek, A. Czarnecka, M. Jaskólski, J. Malczewski, Wolters Kluwer, Warszawa 2015, 572 pp.), containing 32 papers: 9 in the section *O przedmiocie* (“On the subject”), 11 in the section *O metodzie* (“On the method”), 11 in the section *O praktyce* (“On the practice”), and the recapitulation by Michał Jaskólski. The book is an important contribution to the questions of how the history of legal and political doctrines may be conceived of in the face of the present challenges of both methodological and practical natures, how – and with what methodological apparatuses – it should be effectively conceptualized, and, last but not least, taught.

Other books published with the support of the Chair and with the participation of Dr. Jacek Malczewski as one of their co-editors, were the two publications of the Learned Society of Political and Legal Doctrines: one concerning law, democracy, and globalization (*Prawo, demokracja, globalizacja*, ed. J. Malczewski, P. Eckhardt, M. Kaliński, K. Baran, Wydawnictwo Kasper, Kraków 2015, 145 pp.) and another on “the idea as the fourth resource of production” (*Idea jako czwarty czynnik produkcji*, ed. J. Malczewski, P. Eckhardt, M. Kaliński, Kasper, Kraków 2015, 181 p.). Both are available online through the Repository of the Jagiellonian University (www.ruj.uj.edu.pl, access: 31.01.2016).

In 2015, Dr. Agnieszka Czarnecka represented the Chair at two international scholarly events: she spoke on *Laicity – philosophically, legally and politically constructed* at the conference titled *Law beyond boundaries*, assembled by the Unique Conference Canada in Toronto (June 9th and 10th 2015), and on *Michel Foucault, power and the movies* during a conference titled “Popular culture and world politics 8: Worlding popular culture”, organized by the Centre for the Study of Democracy and the Department of Politics and International Relations of the University of Westminster in London (November 20th and 21st, 2015).

Chair of Roman Law

In the year 2015, one of the employees of the Chair, Dr. Tomasz Palmirski, was promoted to the grade of habilitated doctor, pursuant to the respective resolution of the Faculty of Law of the University in Białystok on November 27th, 2015.

September 7th through 12th 2015, two employees (Prof. Dr. Hab. Franciszek Longchamps de Bérier and Dr. Paulina Świącicka) and two postgraduate students (Piotr Łochowski MA and Grzegorz Jan Blicharz MA) collaborating with the Chair took part in the 69th Session of the Société Internationale Fernand de Visscher pour l'Histoire des Droits de l'Antiquité, titled "Legal Education in Antiquity and Law of Antiquity in Today's Legal Curricula" in Istanbul. Particular employees of the Chair also presented the results of their research at other conferences. I.a., Dr. Paulina Świącicka took part in the Critical Legal Conference 2015 at the University of Wrocław, September 3rd through 5th, and in the 7th Conference on Legal History in Szeged, October 29th and 30th 2015, while Dr. Tomasz Palmirski and Dr. Łukasz Marzec participated in a conference in Szczecin devoted to the history and achievements of Polish scholarship in researching Roman law, titled "Civis Romanus sum. Mistrzowie i dzieła polskiej romanistyki", September 18th through 20th, 2015, presenting their papers on the Cracow school of Roman law studies.

The head of the Chair, Professor Franciszek Longchamps de Bérier, was engaged in various activities concerning not only Roman but also modern private law. He organized, i.a., an international session titled "Varying Jurisdictions: Changes of Territory and Transformations of Private Law" (Cracow, July 7th, 2015) and presented his papers at several scholarly assemblies in Beijing: a workshop in the Faculty of Law of the University of Beijing (October 16th, 2015), the Sino-Polish Seminar on Comparative Law in the Institute of Law of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (October 16th, 2015), and (last, but not least) at the China-Europe Academic Conference 2015 (November 5th and 6th, 2015).

In 2015, the project of re-edition and translation into Polish of *Digesta Iustiniani*, financially supported by the Ministry of Research and Higher Education through the NPRH program (National Program for Development of Humanities), was continued with two more volumes containing books 28–36 of *Digesta* being published (*Digesta Iustiniani. Digesta justyniańskie: Tekst i przekład*, vol. V/1: *Księgi 28–32*; vol V/2: *Księgi 33–36*, Kraków 2015). Apart from the main editor and chief investigator, Dr. Hab. Tomasz Palmirski, a former employee of the Chair, Dr. Hab. Jarosław Reszczyński, also contributed to the project.

Also in 2015, Professor Janusz Sondel, *emeritus* of the Chair, published his new book on the foundation charters of the Cracow University and the privilege of King Sigismund I granting nobility to its professors. The book contains extensively commented re-edition of the charters (J. Sondel, *Przywileje fundacyjne Uniwersytetu Jagiellońskiego oraz przywilej nadania szlachectwa jego profesorom (z historyczno-prawnym komentarzem)*, Universitas, Kraków 2015, 354 pp.).

One of the students collaborating with the Chair, Kamil Sorka, became a beneficiary of the 4th edition of the program "Diamond Grant" of the Ministry for Research and

Higher Education. In his project he is going to investigate the problem of the notion of truth in the Roman private process.

Laboratory of Source Editions

In the Laboratory of Source Editions, the work on vol. IV/2 (1659–1668) of “*Volumina Constitutionum*”, edited by Prof. Stanisław Grodziski, was being finished, and the elaboration of vol. V/1 began (for more on volume V/1, see also below, under the initiatives engaging several units). In the meantime, volume IV/1 of the abovementioned edition was published (*Volumina Constitutionum*, tom IV: 1641–1668, volumen 1: 1641–1658, Wydawnictwo Sejmowe, Warszawa 2015, 497 pp.).

Dr. Krzysztof Fokt also continued working on the project “*Fontes Iuris Lusatiae Superioris Vetustissimi*”, focused on the critical edition of the oldest book of records of the town of Görlitz, and financially supported by the Ministry of Research and Higher Education of the Republic of Poland through the National Program for Development of Humanities (NPRH).

Joint Initiatives Involving Several Units

On May 6th, 2015 in the Libraria of the Collegium Maius of the University a promotion of the two-volume publication on the professors of the Faculty of Law of the Jagiellonian University (*Profesorowie Wydziału Prawa Uniwersytetu Jagiellońskiego*, vol. 1–2, Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Jagiellońskiego, Kraków, 2014–2015) took place. The ceremony was chaired by Professor Stanisław Waltoś. At the beginning, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Dr. Hab. Krystyna Chojnicka explained the idea of publishing such a corpus of professors’ biographical notes. Further on, both volumes were recommended to the audience by the Rector of the University, Prof. Dr. Hab. Wojciech Nowak, and then presented by their editors, Professors Waław Uruszczak (vol. 1) and Dorota Malec (vol. 2). A rather long and interesting discussion followed, in which, i.a., Professors Stanisław Waltoś, Krzysztof Ożóg, and Andrzej K. Banach took part.

In the 4th contest of National Program for Development of Humanities (NPRH), a project for preparing a critical edition of the volumes V–VII of “*Volumina Constitutionum*”, embracing the parliamentary legislation of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth from the years 1668–1768 qualified for financial support. The project will be implemented under the leadership of Dr. Hab. Marcin Kwiecień from the Chair of General Legal History as the chief investigator, and involving Professor Stanisław Grodziski, *emeritus* of the Chair of Polish Legal History and Dr. Krzysztof Fokt from the Laboratory of Source Editions as members of the team.

The Chairs of Polish Legal History and of General Legal History also supported several students’ initiatives: the publication of a volume containing various papers on

confessional law (*Wokół prawa wyznaniowego*, ed. K. Górski, J. Pokoj, Wydawnictwo Kasper, Kraków 2015, 240 pp.), the organization of the 9th international conference in the series “On the history of law”, titled “History of Labour Law and Social Policy” (Kraków, January 24th and 25th, 2015),⁴ and the participation of the students of Jagiellonian University in the Professor Michał Szczaniecki Legal-Historical Contest, which took place on May 22nd, 2015 in Warsaw (Jagiellonian University students Sara Jabłońska and Bartosz Nadolski won the contest, which means, i.a., that the 2016 final will be organized in Kraków).

The chronicle was prepared by Dr. Krzysztof Fokt on the basis of the information obtained from the staff of specific Chairs (the information on the Chairs of Political and Legal Doctrines and of History of Administration and Administrative Thought being kindly gathered by Dr. Iwona Barwicka-Tylek and Dr. Marek Stus).

⁴ On the details concerning that event, see the respective report of Kacper Górski in this volume.