

International Law Conference / 5th of September 2015 / University of Warsaw

"Medical Professionals' Rights of Conscience – theoretical Framework, Legal Challenges and Opportunities"

10:00 – 10:15 Welcome and Introductory Remarks

10:15 – 11:30 Panel I

1. **"Conscientious Objection and its limits."**

Prof. Aleksander Stępkowski, Faculty of Law University of Warsaw, *Ordo Iuris* Institute for Legal Culture

2. **"Conscience and Republican Government."**

Prof. David F. Forte, Cleveland State University

3. **"The Pros and Cons of Conscience-Based Exemptions as a Tool for Protecting the Values of Religious and Moral Dissenters."**

Dr David Thunder, Navarra University

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 – 13:15 Panel II

1. **"Conscientious objection: objecting in the name of justice."**

Dr Grégor Puppink, Director of European Centre for Law and Justice

2. **"Freedom of conscience - a basic human right?"**

Dr Jakob Cornides, a public servant at the European Commission, DG Trade

3. **"Freedom of conscience, medical conscientious objection and antibioethics."**

Prof. José Miguel Serrano Ruiz-Calderon, Complutense University (Madrid)

13:15 – 14:15 Lunch

14:15 – 15:15 Panel III

1. **"Conscientious Objection in International Law."**

Attorney Roger Kiska, Senior Legal Counsel at Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF)

2. **"Diminishing conscience rights in the United States."**

Attorney William Saunders, Senior Vice President for Legal Affairs and Senior Counsel at Americans United for Life

3. **"Freedom of conscience - in Sweden?"**

Attorney Ruth Nordström, President of Scandinavian Human Rights Lawyers

15:15 – 15:45 Coffee break

15:45 – 17:45 Panel IV

1. **"Medical doctor's right to act in harmony with his/her conscience."**

Dr Konstanty Radziwiłł – Supreme Medical Council

2. **"Pharmacist and Other Pharmacy Employees Conscience Rights."**

Mgr farm. Danuta Brańska, Stowarzyszenie Farmaceutów Katolickich Polski

3. **"Laboratory Diagnostician Conscience Rights: Between Law and Pedagogy."**

Dr Błażej Kmiecik, Medical Law Department of the Lodz Medical University

4. **"How ECHR case law influence application of conscientious objection in Poland?"**

Dr Michał Skwarzyński - WPPKiA KUL

5. **"Conscience Rights and Employees Rights."**

Attorney Waldemar Gujski - Gujski, Zdebiak Law Office

6. **"Can we Better Defend the Rights of Conscience ?"**

Attorney Jerzy Kwaśniewski, *Ordo Iuris* Institute for Legal Culture

18:00 – 20:00 Cocktail - speech of Special Guest