



XXX Annual Forum of Young Legal Historians

Values in Law through the Ages

Poznań, 23-26 September 2026

conference programme

Wednesday, 23 September 2026

Venue: Collegium Minus, Lubrański Hall, Henryka Wieniawskiego 1, 61-001 Poznań

15.30-16.00 Participant Registration (first floor, next to the Lubrański Hall).

Opening Ceremony

16.00-16.15 Welcome Addresses:

Professor Bogumiła Kaniewska, Rector of Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań,
Professor Tomasz Nieborak, Dean of the Faculty of Law and Administration,
Professor Przemysław Matusik, Dean of the Faculty of History.

16.15-16.30 Chamber concert:

Works by Henryk Wieniawski

Performed by musicians from the Tadeusz Szeligowski Poznań Philharmonic:

Olga Winkowska, violin,

Tomasz Sośniak, piano.

Programme

Souvenir de Posen, Op. 3

Kujawiak in A minor

Légende, Op. 17

16.30-17.15 Keynote speech: **Professor Piotr Fiedorczyk**, Department of Historical and Legal Sciences, Theory and Philosophy of Law, and Comparative Law, University of Białystok:

Marriage Stability as a Value in Law. Reflections of an Old Legal Historian.

17.15-18.00 Guest lecture: **Professor Miloš Vec**, Department of Legal and Constitutional History, University of Vienna:

"Decency" During Genocide: Heinrich Himmler's Speech in Poznań on October 4, 1943.

18.00-18.15 Practical Information: Patryk Maćkowiak, Dawid Szulc.

18.15-19.30 Welcome Reception – Main Hall of Collegium Minus.

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Thursday, 24 September 2026

Venue: Faculty of Law and Administration, Adam Mickiewicz University, al. Niepodległości 53, 61-714 Poznań, Delta Hall (ground floor)

9.00 – 10.00 Lecture: **Professor Piotr Pilarczyk**, Department of Government Systems Studies and Political and Legal Thought, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań:

Those that fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it. Poland's constitutions case.

10.00 – 10.30 Coffee break (3rd floor—the space above Professor Radwański's lecture hall)

10.30 – 12.00 Parallel Panels (Session 1) - seminar rooms, fourth floor

Room 4.9	Room 4.10	Room 4.11
Panel 1: Values in Inheritance and Family Law	Panel 2: Constitutionalism, Statehood and Legal Values	Panel 3: Justice, Equity and Adjudication
Panel Chair: Jan Andrzejewski	Panel Chair: Michał Stokowski	Panel Chair: Maria Kola
1. Yanwen Wang: <i>Between Private Will and Family Order: The Value and Limits of Testamentary Freedom in Roman Law and Modern Italian Succession Law</i>	1. Christian Lee Gonzalez-Rivera: <i>Neither Superiority Nor Dependence: American Independence as a Revolt Against European Police Power Conceptions</i>	1. Jasper Van de Woestijne: <i>Ex aequo et bono? The role of equity in 19th-century Western European labour adjudication</i>
2. Imre Képesy: <i>From aviticitas to lineal inheritance – the importance of legal traditions in intestate succession in Hungary in the 19th–21st centuries</i>	2. András Horváth: <i>With you, yet without you: Rethinking Croatian-Hungarian constitutional relations in the final two decades of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy</i>	2. Marie De Beul: <i>Values in Motion: the Belgian Justice of the Peace as a Proximity Judge</i>
3. Łukasz Gołaszewski: <i>Financial security for widows, inheritance by children, and the options available to husbands and fathers. Dowry provisions for the wives of impoverished Podlasie nobility in the late 17th century</i>	3. Beñat Alkain Lazkanoiturburu: <i>From Wartime Programme to Republican Constitution: Christian Democratic Legal Thought and the Post-Fascist Reordering of the State (1943–1947)</i>	3. Tomasz Królasik: <i>A Historical Perspective on the Purpose and Functions of the Justice System: An Enduring Value or a Subject of Change?</i>
4. Matthew Cleary: <i>The Privilege of Pious Causes: Defective Wills, Testamentary Formality, and Early Modern Canon Law Commentary</i>	4. Dawid Szulc: <i>An Attempt to reconcile different values in the public law of the Ottoman Empire (1808–1876)</i>	4. Joanna Kruszyńska-Kola: <i>Uniformity of Case Law (Interpretation of Law) in Private Cases as a Value in Historical and Comparative Perspectives</i>

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch break (3rd floor—the space above Professor Radwański's lecture hall)



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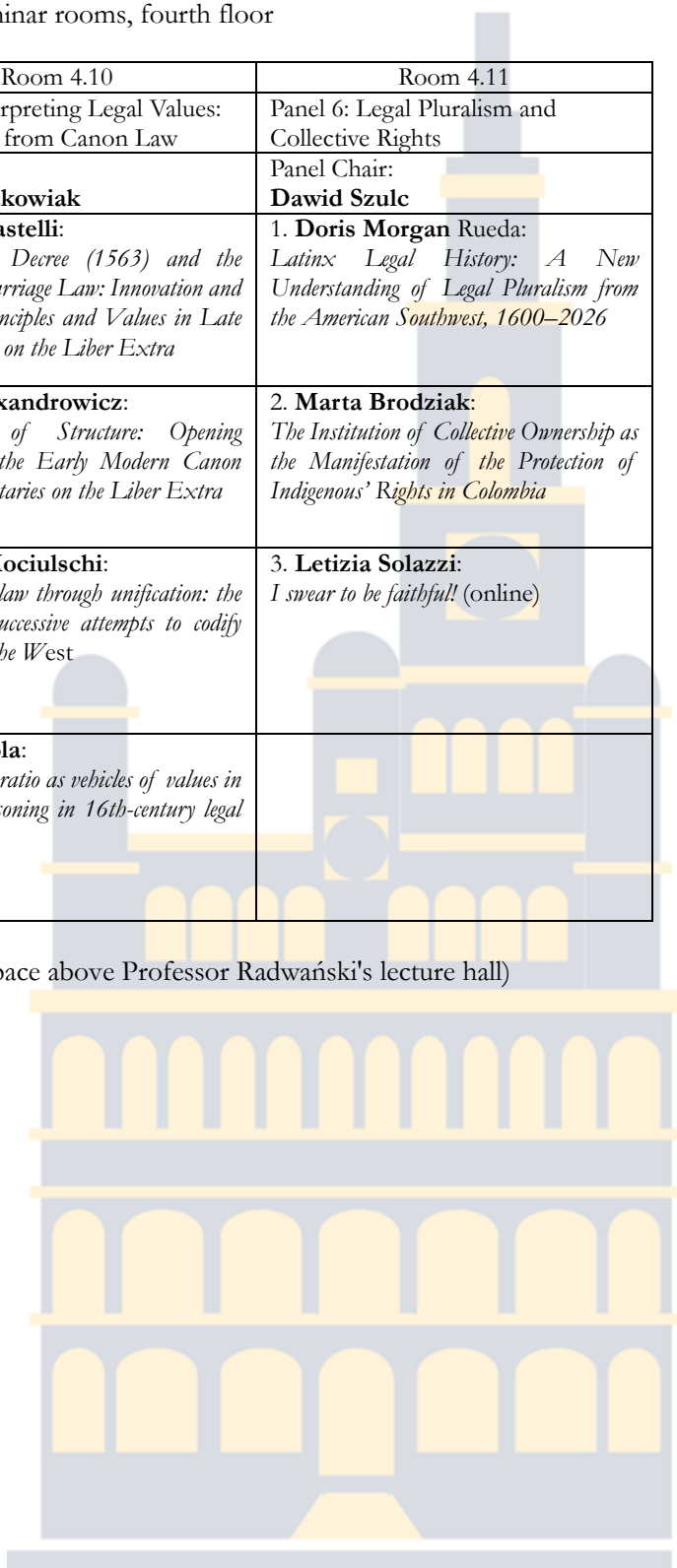
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13.30 – 15.00 Parallel Panels (Session 2) - seminar rooms, fourth floor

Room 4.9	Room 4.10	Room 4.11
Panel 4: Property, Commerce and Economic Values	Panel 5: Interpreting Legal Values: Perspectives from Canon Law	Panel 6: Legal Pluralism and Collective Rights
Panel Chair: Joanna Kruszyńska-Kola	Panel Chair: Patryk Maćkowiak	Panel Chair: Dawid Szulc
1. Magdalena Ossowska-Tutaj: <i>Ownership Attribution as an Intrinsic Legal Value?</i>	1. Marco Castelli: <i>The Tametsi Decree (1563) and the Sources of Marriage Law: Innovation and Tradition, Principles and Values in Late Commentaries on the Liber Extra</i>	1. Doris Morgan Rueda: <i>Latinx Legal History: A New Understanding of Legal Pluralism from the American Southwest, 1600–2026</i>
2. Francesco Fonte: <i>English Mortgages in the Face of Italian National Values. A Procedural Micro-History of Gleghorn et al.</i>	2. Piotr Alexandrowicz: <i>The Power of Structure: Opening Strategies in the Early Modern Canon Law Commentaries on the Liber Extra</i>	2. Marta Brodziak: <i>The Institution of Collective Ownership as the Manifestation of the Protection of Indigenous' Rights in Colombia</i>
3. Wojciech Bańczyk: <i>Sale of second-hand and intentionally defective goods in a historical perspective. Between use and abuse of consumer protection</i>	3. Adrien Mociulschi: <i>Harmonising law through unification: the example of successive attempts to codify canon law in the West</i>	3. Letizia Solazzi: <i>I swear to be faithful! (online)</i>
4. Lawrence Whitworth: <i>Shifting Attitudes in the Enforcement of Mercantile, Commercial, and Property Rights in the Kingdom of Prussia 1794–1924</i>	4. Maria Kola: <i>Aequitas and ratio as vehicles of values in analogical reasoning in 16th-century legal argumentation</i>	

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16.00 – 19.00 Conference Excursion.



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Friday, 25 September 2026

Venue: Faculty of History, Adam Mickiewicz University, Uniwersytetu Poznańskiego 7, 61-614 Poznań, Kazimierz Tymieniecki Hall, No. 3.129 (second floor)

9.00 – 10.00 Lecture: **Professor Łukasz Różycki**, Byzantine Studies Research Unit, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań:

Roman Military Law in Late Antiquity: Between Legal Theory and Practice.

10.00 – 10.30 Coffee break (second floor–seminar room 3.106 or faculty patio)

10.30 – 12.00 Parallel Panels (Session 3) - seminar rooms, second floor

Room 3.93	Room 3.94	Room 3.95
Panel 7: Law, Economy and Urban Communities	Panel 8: Arbitration, Administration and Dispute Resolution	Panel 9: Family, Gender and Social Values in Law
Panel Chair: Piotr Alexandrowicz	Panel Chair: Marco Castelli	Panel Chair: Paweł Kaźmierski
1. Piotr Kitowski: <i>Regulations concerning municipal officials in revisions of Chelmno law and their practical value</i>	1. Wojciech Wydmański: <i>The Principle of Autonomy of the Will as the Basis of Arbitration in a Historical Perspective</i>	1. Jonathan Zeller: <i>Law as a Mirror of Values: The Zurich Female Workers Protection Act of 1894 as a Historical Case Study</i>
2. Anna Siemińska: <i>An Axiological Foundation or an Economic Condition of the Market – The Evolution of Justice Towards Economic Efficiency</i>	2. Viktoria M. Sochor: <i>The Emergence and Change of Administrative Values in the European Commission – A Legal and Historical Assessment of the Santer Scandal</i>	2. Stephanie Rieder-Zagkla: <i>Marital Fidelity – a Value in Law through the Ages? Case Studies from Austrian Civil Courts, 1783–1938</i>
3. Hugo von Vietinghoff: <i>Legal Diversity and Financial Values in Early Modern Cities</i>	3. Peter Odrich: <i>Post-imperial supranationality and the transformation of legal values in interwar Europe</i>	3. Michał Tutaj: <i>The Evolving Axiology of the Employment Contract</i>
4. Alicja Bańczyk: <i>Legal values in Guy de Maupassant's works</i>	4. Johannes Hohenberger: <i>Values in Law – Arbitration as a Pillar of (International) Dispute Resolution</i>	4. Balázs Rigó: <i>The Legal Consequences of the Values of Early Modern Patriarchalism</i>

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch break (second floor–seminar room 3.106 or faculty patio)



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13.30 – 15.00 Parallel Panels (Session 4) - seminar rooms, second floor

Room 3.93	Room 3.94	Room 3.95
Panel 10: Religion, Citizenship and Legal Identity	Panel 11: Law, Society and Legal Thought in Antiquity	Panel 12: Post-War Justice, Memory and Historical Redress
Panel Chair: Michał Tutaj	Panel Chair: Magdalena Ossowska-Tutaj	Panel Chair: Wojciech Wydmański
1. Dawid Michalski: <i>Neutrality in International Relations</i>	1. Fangfang Tian: <i>Where Law Takes Place: Legal Memory and the Value of Sacred Space at the Lapis Niger</i>	1. Michał Stokowski: <i>The August Decree (1944) as a tool for dealing with war and occupation crimes in post-war Poland</i>
2. Guillermo Tejeda Becerra: <i>Constitutional Debates in the Birth of a Nation: Religion as a Legal Value in Mexico from Cádiz to the First Federal Constitution</i>	2. Una Divac: <i>Bodies, Honor, and the Oikos: Adultery and Rape in Classical Athenian Law</i>	2. Amber Gardeyn: <i>A balancing of legal certainty and historical justice through a legal-historical overview of the policies for Nazi-Spoliated Art in Belgium, France, and the Netherlands</i>
3. Rafał Kaczmarczyk: <i>Self-governance of religious unions as a constitutional principle in action in 20th and 21st century Poland: a case of the Muslim Religious Union in the Republic of Poland</i>	3. Michael Binder: <i>Litigation in the Laws of Plato</i>	3. Paweł Kaźmierski: <i>The Shifting of the German-Polish Border and the “Parallel Worlds” in the Reconstruction of the Judiciary in the First Months of the Post-War Period 1945</i>
4. Giovanni Zuppelli: <i>Citizenship as Hierarchy: Libyan Citizenship, Portuguese Assimilation, and Spanish Emancipation in European Colonial Law</i>		4. Dóra Frey: <i>Legal solutions for addressing the consequences of forced migration in the Post-World War II Era in Hungary</i>

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break (second floor—seminar room 3.106 or faculty patio)

Venue: Port Solacz Hotel, Litewska 22, 60-605 Poznań

Closing Ceremony

- 18.00 – 19.00 Nomination of Candidates and Election of the Organisers of the 31st AYLH Forum
- 19.00 – 19.15 Closing Remarks by Representatives of the Organizing Committees of the 30th and 31st AYLH Forums
- 19.15 Gala Dinner



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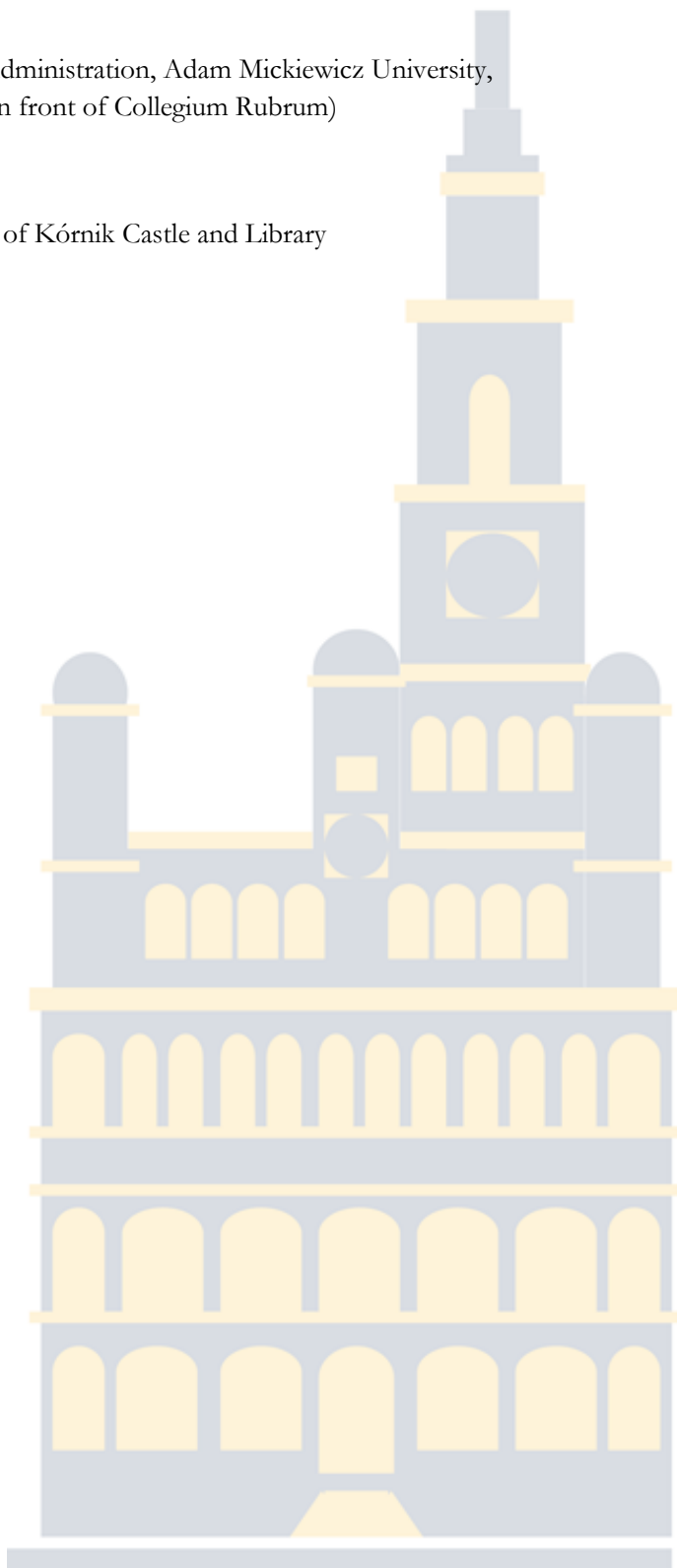
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Saturday, 26 September 2026

Meeting Point: in front of Faculty of Law and Administration, Adam Mickiewicz University,
al. Niepodległości 53, 61-714 Poznań (the area in front of Collegium Rubrum)

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| 9.00 | Departure for Kórnik |
| 9.15 – 13.30 | Academic visit and guided tour of Kórnik Castle and Library |
| 14.15 | Return to Poznań |



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