



INTERNATIONAL  
SCHOLARLY CONGRESS

# TRNAVA LEGAL DAYS

24-25

SEPTEMBER

CENTRAL THEME:  
THE PERSONALITY  
OF ŠTEFAN LUBY  
AND HIS CONTRIBUTION  
TO LEGAL SCIENCE  
AND PRACTICE



2026

The plenary session aims to reflect on Professor Luby's timeless ideas and analyze their impact on contemporary private and public law within the Central European context.

Venue: Faculty of Law, Trnava University in Trnava (Slovakia)

## CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS:

Following the plenary session, the academic program will continue in separate conferences/workshops organized by the departments and institutes of the Faculty. This format provides a platform for specialized scientific research and discussion between academics and legal practitioners in specific branches of law.

**This year, our departments are organizing the following conferences and workshops:**

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### DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY

conference

#### ***Proceeds of Crime in the Context of Economic and Organized Crime***

The issue of effective asset freezing and the confiscation of proceeds from economic and organized crime represents one of the most pressing challenges in criminal law. In this context, however, a significant deficiency emerges in the form of an inadequate legislative framework, leading to insufficient application of the instruments used to seize proceeds of crime. The thematic focus of this conference section, organized by the Department of Criminal Law and Criminology, responds to current substantive and procedural aspects of searching for, freezing, and seizing proceeds of economic and organized crime. It provides a platform for the mutual exchange of knowledge in this field and the formulation of *de lege ferenda* proposals.

The conference will feature three sub-themes:

1. Proceeds and their seizure in criminal proceedings.
2. Confiscation in criminal proceedings.
3. New trends in organized and economic crime.

**Guarantors:** doc. JUDr. Eva Szabová, PhD. univ. prof.; prof. JUDr. Ivan Šimovček, CSc.;  
prof. JUDr. Ing. Adrián Jalč, PhD.

**Form of participation:** In-person

**Conference fee:** 130,- EUR

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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW,  
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW,  
AND FINANCIAL LAW

conference

***Legal Aspects of Architectural Heritage Protection - Innovative Solutions***

The scientific conference creates a professional platform for discussing the legal aspects of protecting architectural heritage. The event aims to analyze current legislative frameworks and introduce innovative solutions in the field of heritage care. The program focuses on finding a balance between preserving historical values and the rights of property owners. The discussion will address issues of digital documentation and the implementation of smart technologies in monument management. Participants will reflect on the need to modernize legal standards regarding international trends and sustainability. Conference outcomes will directly contribute to the development of legal practice.

**Guarantors:** doc. JUDr. Michal Maslen, PhD.; prof. JUDr. Soňa Košičiarová, PhD.

**Form of participation:** In-person

**Conference fee:** 130,- EUR

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORICAL LAW AND  
LEGAL METHODOLOGY

conference

***Personalities of Legal History and Personalities of Law in History***

The conference explores law as the result of the intellectual activity of individuals whose ideas and courage shaped justice through the centuries. It focuses on the "human dimension" of law in two strands: scholars who laid the foundations of legal science and practitioners whose integrity influenced historical events. The aim is to analyze how an individual's personal ethos initiated reforms or resisted contemporary pressures. The event offers a platform for critical reflection on the legacy of those who left an indelible mark on the law. Their work remains an inspiration for addressing modern legal challenges in a dynamically changing society.

**Guarantors:** prof. JUDr. Bc. Miriam Laclavíková, PhD.,  
doc. JUDr. Peter Vyšný, PhD. et Ph.D.

**Form of participation:** In-person

**Conference fee:** No fee is charged;  
the conference is funded by a grant.

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# DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN LAW

conference

## ***Current Issues in International and European Law***

The conference entitled Current Issues of International and European Law focuses on reflecting upon key challenges shaping the contemporary legal order. Particular attention will be paid to the case law of the International Court of Justice, the Court of Justice of the European Union, as well as the European Court of Human Rights, and their influence on the interpretation of law. The discussion will center on current issues regarding the protection of fundamental rights, the rule of law and democracy, and the relationship between international, European, and domestic law. Attention will also be devoted to dynamically developing fields such as the climate liability of states, legal aspects of armed conflicts and international responsibility, as well as questions of the enforceability of international law. Focus may also be placed on the processes of erosion and fragmentation of international law, manifested primarily by the weakening of its enforceability, the growing plurality of legal regimes, and the tension between universalism and the particular interests of states, while concentrating on questions of its coherence, authority, and future direction. Within the framework of European law, the conference will reflect mainly on challenges associated with digital transformation and the regulation of technologies (including artificial intelligence and data protection), the strengthening of the autonomy of European Union law, its position in the global environment, as well as issues of migration and economic regulation. The aim of the conference is to create a space for professional discussion and the exchange of views between the academic community and legal practice, thereby contributing to a deeper understanding of current trends and the further development of international and European law.

**Guarantors:** doc. JUDr. Peter Varga, PhD.; doc. JUDr. Dagmar Lantajová, PhD.

**Form of participation:** Hybrid

**Conference fee:** In-person participation: 130,- EUR

Active online participation: 65,- EUR

No fee is charged for passive participation.

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DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL  
AND COMMERCIAL LAW

conference

***Recodification of Civil Law and the Legacy of 20th-Century Civil Law Studies***

The conference opens an expert dialogue on the relationship between the historical heritage of legal science and current ambitions to modernize the private law code - the Civil Code. Given the ongoing legislative process of recodifying private law, the conference addresses highly topical issues and provides an opportunity to discuss the draft of the new Civil Code. Instead of a nostalgic look back, it offers a platform for professional confrontation between modern recodification trends and the intellectual world of 20th-century civil law jurisprudence, which shaped our legal identity. Participants will jointly seek an answer to whether classical doctrines are an obstacle or a necessary pillar in building a modern civil law that must face technological changes and new social dynamics. The event thus represents a unique space for dialogue, aiming for a synthesis of the theoretical depth of the past and the practical functionality of future legal regulation.

**Guarantors:** doc. JUDr. Lucia Žitňanská, PhD.; prof. JUDr. Monika Jurčová, PhD.;  
doc. JUDr. Kristián Csach, PhD. LL.M., univ. prof.

**Form of participation:** In-person

**Conference fee:** 130,- EUR

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DEPARTMENT OF THEORY OF LAW  
AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW

workshop

***Dialogues on Law | Dialogues in Law***

Dialogues are an inherent part of a democratic state governed by the rule of law. The essence of the democratic process does not lie in a sporadic electoral ritual, but in permanent discussion on matters of public interest. Furthermore, the rule of law is not merely about the mechanical application of laws, but also about the search for the best law through a structured dialogue regarding a specific case. One must also not forget the types of dialogue and the (legitimate?) ways in which legal professionals engage in activities for or against the rule of law. A particularly interesting question is the involvement of legal academics.

Today, the weakening of the dialogic form of democratic and legal processes can be observed with the naked eye - examples include the overuse of fast-track legislative procedures or strategies of aggressive public defense in criminal proceedings. Legal discourse is also undergoing certain changes, struggling not only with the speed of events that require a response, but also with questions regarding the roles of individual professions and environments, and the legitimacies they possess or seek to attain.

The conference section thus aims to describe these disruptive tendencies and derive theoretically and practically useful conclusions from them, including proposals aimed at eliminating negative trends.

**Guarantors:** doc. Marek Káčer, PhD.; Mgr. Lucia Berdisová, PhD., LL.M.;  
prof. Mgr. Lubomír Batka, Dr. theol.

**Form of participation:** In-person

**Conference fee:** 130,- EUR

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## INSTITUTE FOR LEGAL ASPECTS OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

conference

### ***Freedom of Conscience in the European Legal Tradition***

Freedom of conscience has deep roots in the European legal tradition, shaped primarily by the Reformation, religious conflicts, the Counter-Reformation, and the gradual establishment of the concept of natural law. Europe's historical experiences and its traditional Christian roots gradually created space for the recognition of an individual's inner convictions as an inalienable value. A significant strengthening came with the constitutionalization of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and subsequent interwar constitutional developments, which codified freedom of conscience as one of the fundamental pillars of civil rights. In the current constitutional systems of European states, this right remains deeply entrenched, with discussions focusing primarily on the limits of the application of the conscientious objection. At the same time, experiences with the authoritarian regimes of the 20<sup>th</sup> century offer insights into totalitarian efforts to curtail freedom of conscience, even to the point of its complete elimination. The aim of the conference is to identify the characteristics of the European legal tradition, as well as the specific features of countries in the Central European region, and their impact on contemporary interpretations of freedom of conscience in the context of a dynamically changing society.

#### **The conference is held in cooperation with::**

College of Legal Sciences of the Nicolaus Copernicus Superior School in Lublin, Poland,

Department of Public and Constitutional Church Law, Faculty of Law, Canon Law, and Administration, Catholic University of Lublin, Poland,

University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, Branch in Ełk, Poland

**Guarantors:** dr. h. c. prof. doc. JUDr. Marek Šmid, PhD.  
prof. doc. ThLic. Mgr. Damián Němec, dr,  
ThLic. Mgr. Michaela Moravčíková, Th.D.

**Form of participation:** Hybrid

**Conference fee:** In-person attendance: 130,- EUR

No fee is charged for online participation.

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independent thematic conference

### ***The Daybreak of Modern Space Law in Central Europe and the New Space Era***

All of Europe has entered the New Space Era. Outer space is becoming a fertile ground for commercial and scientific activities by non-governmental entities. To face these challenges, new national space legislation has been issued to address issues of permitting, registration, and liability for space damage. Slovenia (2022), Slovakia (2024), and, most recently, Poland (2026) have adopted their own national space acts. While Ukraine has possessed its own national legislation since 1996, space acts are still missing in countries like the Czech Republic and Hungary. This creates a patchwork of various jurisdictions and a risk of “forum shopping”; among innovators and start-ups.

**This panel aims to:**

- Present the content of the newly adopted legislation from a comparative perspective.
- Analyse the shortcomings of the present patchwork.
- Address future developments, also with respect to the envisaged EU Space Act.

**Guarantors:** Prof. JUDr. Jakub Handrlica, DSc.;  
doc. JUDr. Marianna Novotná, PhD., univ. prof.

**Form of participation:** In-person

**Conference fee:** 130,- EUR

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## FURTHER INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Registration is open until September 15, 2026, via the following link:

<https://forms.gle/LoSavrnECRbDQvun7>

The program will be sent to registered participants no later than  
September 18, 2026.

## Preliminary Program:

- **September 24, 2026** - Afternoon: Plenary Session
- **September 24, 2026** - Evening: Social Evening with Refreshments
- **September 25, 2026** - Sessions

Please pay the **participation fee** after registering for the conference:

**Recipient:** Trnava University in Trnava, Faculty of Law, Hornopotočná 23, 918 43, Trnava

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**Note:** Please include the first and last name of the participant in the payment note/reference.

The invoice will be issued after the fee has been paid and will be handed over in person on the day of the congress.

*We look forward to welcoming you to Trnava to join the discussion on the scholarly legacy of Professor Štefan Luby and the current challenges of modern legal scholarship.*



## **Scientific Committee:**

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