



Károli Gáspár University
of the Reformed Church in Hungary
Faculty of Law, Institute of Public Law

EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

30 YEARS OF THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN
RIGHTS IN HUNGARY
FREEDOM OF RELIGION OR BELIEF IN THE 70 YEARS
OF THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Budapest, 19-20 October 2023

Organized by the Faculty of Law of the Károli Gáspár University
of the Reformed Church in Hungary
Institute of Public Law

Collaborating partners: ORFECT, ICLARS

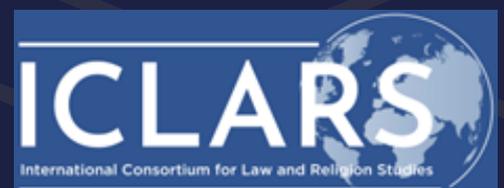
Place of the conference: Károlyi-Csekonics Palace,
Cigar Room and Ballroom
(H-1088 Budapest, Múzeum u. 17)

Registration to participate:

<https://ajk.kre.hu/european.convention.on.human.rights.international.conference/>



KÁROLI 30
1993-2023



EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The European Convention on Human Rights celebrates a double anniversary in 2023 – it entered into force 70 years ago, on September 3rd, 1953, and proclaimed in Hungary 30 years ago, on April 7th, 1993. This occasion presents a perfect opportunity to examine the evolution of the Convention and its impact, both in specific member states and generally in Europe. In this conference – in addition to the general history of the Convention – we aim to assess the impact of the Convention on the freedom of religion or belief. ORFECT (Observatory on Religious Freedom in the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights) and ICLARS (International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies) will also be present at the conference as a collaborating partner.

PROGRAMME

19. October (Thursday)

09.00-09.30 Registration

09.30 – 09.40 **Welcome: László Trócsányi** Rector of Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary/**Róbert Szuchy** Vice Rector of Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary

09.40- 10.00 Opening remarks:

- **Szilvia Köbel** Associate Professor, Faculty of Law of the Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary, Head of Institute of Public Law, vice president of ORFECT
- **Javier Martinez-Torron** Full Professor, Complutense University of Madrid, president of ICLARS
- **Vincenzo Pacillo** Full Professor, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, president of ORFECT

1. Chair of the session: **Róbert Szuchy**

Speakers: 10.00 – 11.30

- **Maria d'Arienzo** Full Professor of Ecclesiastical Law, Canon Law and Confessional Rights at the Department of Law of the University of Naples “Federico II”, Italy: The protection of the right to religious freedom in the European Convention on Human Rights
- **Zoltán Pozsár-Szentmiklóssy** Associate Professor of Constitutional Law, ELTE Faculty of Law (Budapest): The culture of justification and the European Court of Human Rights
- **Zoltán Tallódi** Ministry of Justice, Hungary, responsible for ECtHR cases: Challenges of procedures before the European Court of Human Rights from an agent’s point of view

Discussion

Coffee break 11.30-11.45

2. Chair of the session:

Zoltán J. Tóth full professor, dean of Faculty of Law of the Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary

Speakers: 11.45 – 13.15

- **Vincenzo Pacillo** Full Professor, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy, president of ORFECT: Secularism in the jurisprudence of the ECtHR
- **Wojciech Brzozowski** University Professor, Chair of Law and Religion, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Warsaw, Poland, Deputy Ombudsman of the Republic of Poland: Is the European Court of Human Rights hostile to religion?
- **Maria Chiara Ruscazio** Associate Professor in Law and Religion and Canon Law at the Department of Law of the University of Turin, Italy: The proof of religious convictions in the ECtHR caselaw

Discussion

Lunch (Sandwich) 13.15 – 14.15

3. Chair of the session:

Péter Nagy senior lecturer, Faculty of Law of the Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary

Speakers: 14.15 – 15.45

- **Javier Martinez-Torron** Full Professor, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain, President of ICLARS: Freedom of expression and freedom of religion in the ECtHR case law
- **Elisabeth Sándor-Szalay** Deputy Commissioner for Fundamental Rights, Ombudsman for the Rights of National Minorities, Budapest, prof. University of Pécs: Discrimination on the ground of race, ethnicity and of association with a national minority - Article 14 ECtHR
- **Gábor Schweitzer** Senior Research Fellow (Centre for Social Sciences - Institute for Legal Sciences) - associate professor (Ludovika University of Public Service - Faculty of Public Governance and International Studies): The religious neutrality of the Hungarian state before and after the case of Magyar Keresztény Mennonita Egyház and Others v. Hungary

Discussion

20. October (Friday)

4. Chair of the session: *Javier Martinez-Torron*

Speakers: 9.00 – 10.30

- **Péter Paczolay** Professor emeritus, University of Szeged; Judge, European Court of Human Rights: Wearing of religious symbols in public areas in the ECtHR's caselaw
- **Balázs Schanda** Judge of the Hungarian Constitutional Court, prof. Pázmány Péter Catholic University: The Impact of ECtHR Jurisprudence Church-State Relations in Europe
- **María José Valero-Estarellas** Full Professor, Villanueva University, Madrid, Spain: The “Margin of appreciation” and its impact on freedom of religion in Strasbourg Discussion

Coffee break 10.30-10.45

5. Chair of the session: *Szilvia Köbel*

Speakers: 10.45-11.45

- **Gerhard van der Schyff** Associate Professor, Department of Public Law and Governance, Law School, Tilburg University, The Netherlands: Wide-ranging Impact of the ECtHR on the CFREU when Interpreting Freedom of Religion
- **Fabio Franceschi** Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Department of Legal and Economics Studies, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy: The Collective Aspects of Freedom of Religion or Belief in the Light of the ECtHR: Religious Political Parties in the Democratic Process

Discussion

Coffee break 11.45-12.00

6. Chair of the session: *Wojciech Brzozowski*

PhD Candidates speakers 12.00 - 13.30

- **Eleni Varvarousi** PhD Candidate in International Law, Faculty of Law, DUTH (Democritus University of Thrace), The case law of the European Court of Human Rights regarding the freedom of religion
- **Maksymilian Hau** PhD Candidate, Doctoral School of Social Sciences, University of Warsaw, Poland: Is the case law of the SCOTUS on religion relevant to the ECtHR?
- **Dávid Köbel** PhD Candidate, Doctoral School of Law and Political Sciences, Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary: End-of-life decisions in connection with Article 9 in the practice of ECtHR

Discussion

13.30-14.00 Closing remarks:

Vincenzo Pacillo, Szilvia Köbel, Javier Martinez-Torron

Lunch (Sandwich) 14.00 – 14.30