




**The Judiciary's Freedom of Expression:
Between the Known and the Unknown**

**7 March 2022
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The aim of our conference is to discuss the complex theme of the judicial freedom of expression. While by “expression,” we understand all the ways of communicating views and emotions, we want to specifically emphasize the freedom of speech. We propose that there are three major sites of the judge’s behavior – 1) the courtroom; 2) private life; and 3) public life outside of the courtroom – and that the relevant research field is structured around four dimensions: politico-legal culture, legal text, legal culture, and judges’ individual axiological sensing.

We invite papers that seek to determine what is known and uncontested in this field, on the one hand, and ponder what is unknown and causes doubts, on the other. The possible questions to be addressed include:

- To what extent does judges’ freedom of expression depend on society-specific historical, cultural and other contexts?
- Should judges be perceived as ordinary citizens with rules and norms for them modified in certain fields of social activity due to their professional role, or should they be treated as a special citizen category possessed of distinctive civic rights and freedoms?
- In terms of the freedom of expression, should “judges” be regarded as a uniform group, or should we rather focus on specific circumstances, such as the type of court or a judge’s function, as crucial differential factors?
- Can judges – and/or ought they to – articulate their personal views on justice reforms?

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

7 March 2022 (Monday)

Central European Time (UTC+1:00)

Microsoft Teams



8.55 – 9.00 **CONFERENCE OPENING**

SESSION 1

chair – Mateusz Wojtanowski

9.00 – 9.30 **İrem Çağlar, Gülriz Uygur, “Improve the Law” as a Judicial Obligation on the Boundaries of Free Speech: Judges as Responsible Epistemic Agents**

9.30 – 10.00 **Zeynep İspir, Ethical Integrity of a Judge As a Form of Self Expression**

10.00 – 10.30 **Jacek Srokosz, Borders of freedom of speech for candidates in judicial election in US**

10.30 – 11.00 **Discussion**

11.00 – 11.30 **BREAK**

SESSION II

chair: Gülriz Uygur

11.30 – 12.00 **Nadire Özdemir, The Unknown of the Known: Contextual and Cultural Differences Between the Private Lives of Judges**

12.00 – 12.30 **Paweł Skuczyński, Between conversation and interpretation. Why judicial speech is a problem of legal philosophy**

12.30 – 13.00 **Paweł Jabłoński, Przemysław Kaczmarek, Mateusz Wojtanowski, The judge's freedom of expression. An attempt at conceptualization**

13.00 – 13.30 **Discussion**

13.30 – 13.35 **Conference closure**

Conference organisers

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Participation

Persons who would like to follow the conference in real time and participate to the discussion with the speakers are requested to register via email mateusz.wojtanowski@uwr.edu.pl until 1 March.