

FREEDOM IN CULTURE
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Institute of Intercultural Studies, part of the Faculty of International and Political Studies, **Jagiellonian University in Krakow**, kindly invites researchers and scholars to take part in an international scientific conference (13th October 2017 in Krakow, Poland) dedicated to the problems of Freedom in Culture.

The aim of the conference is a reflection on the limits of freedom in contemporary culture(s). The concept of freedom applies to many aspects of the public and individual life, among others: discourse, public space, politics and religion.

The freedom of speech is undeniable important issue in contemporary culture. The modern mass media including social media allow transmitting information quicker and to a broader audience than before, which makes the communication process faster and to some extent poorer in quality (especially in respect of credibility and compliance with the real state of matter). Thus, the unlimited freedom of speech can be questioned here for instance in cases when human dignity is harmed by rude comments and narratives published on-line or in traditional media.

Freedom in the public space can be identified by looking at the correspondence between architecture and urbanization processes and the individual and collective human behaviours. The space arrangement of cities influencing inhabitants' patterns of acting play an important role in shaping post-modern societies. The public space can limit or open acting possibilities for humans, unite or part (even isolate them), offer safety and comfort or bring insecurity and uncertainty. Therefore, the concept of public space planning, its borders or unlimited freedom, constitutes a crucial issue not only for urbanists, but also for those who analyze this concept from the perspective of esthetics, politics and economy.

Freedom in politics is based on the relationship of an individual and the state. On the one hand we may discuss the civil freedom understood as civil right to participate freely in public life. On the other hand, we may wonder to what extent the individual freedom stays beyond the state influence or the state power. Contemporary post-modern societies constitute a space where these two approaches clash. Contemporary liberal democracies also care more about protecting the so called civil liberties rather than individual ownership rights. Why? This is one of the numerous questions we would like to address.

Religious freedom is influenced in reality not only by religion itself but also by politics and social order. Religion has not disappeared

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as it was proclaimed by some post-Enlightenment philosophers and scholars; it is still present, playing in some cases a fundamental role. The power of religion lies in its creative and also anti-creative, destructive potential. Thus, religion is able to integrate or disintegrate a community. Religious aspects occurring in society are mixed with human universalism, individual rights and relativism of community rights (e.g. ethnic and racial groups, nations, languages etc.). The problem addressed in this context applies to religious freedom executed in various social, political and legal orders, which is however located however in a broader cultural dimension.

Important dates and information:

Abstract (max. 250 words) submission deadline **1st August 2017** on freedom.culture@o2.pl

Notification of acceptance latest **15th August 2017**

Deadline for conference fee payment, **340 PLN**, (excluding special guests) **1st September 2017**

Conference registration link

<https://www.konferencje-uj.pl/?lang=en&go2rej=1&kid=222>

Link to log in after registration

<https://www.konferencje-uj.pl/?lang=en&go2logPanel=1&kid=222>

We kindly invite researchers and scholars interested in the conference topic to participate in this event.

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