

Conference report „Consequences of the First World War at the state law level“, Košice, September 29 – 30th, 2022

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„*Consequences of the First World War at the state law level*“ is the title of the international scientific conference organised by the Faculty of Law of the Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice in cooperation with the Historical Society in Košice. The event took place on 29-30 September 2022 at the TeleDom Hotel and Conference Centre in Košice. It was held in a hybrid format, making it possible to attend in person as well as join online.

The conference was organized within the framework of the grant project no. APVV-19-0419 entitled *100 Years of the Treaty of Trianon*. According to the organisers, this event was a space for presenting and discussing scientific knowledge concerning the important changes in the legal orders of European countries that occurred as a result of historical events at the turn of the 20th century. In this context, diplomatic relations and international and national law in various legal sectors were to be the main areas of scholarly discussion.

On the first day, 29 September 2022, the event was inaugurated by the Dean of the Faculty of Law of the Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice, doc. JUDr. Miroslav Štrkolec, PhD. After his introductory remarks, the participants of the conference were addressed by the President of the Historical Society in Košice, PhDr. Gabriel Szeghy, PhD. His speech was followed by the first two conference blocks, in which papers related to, for example, the issue of churches in politics at the time of Trianon, commercial arbitration after the Treaty of Trianon, and Fascist Italy were presented. At the end of the day, a festive evening banquet was prepared for the conference participants.

The second day of the conference was opened by the opening speech of doc. JUDr. Erik Štenpien, PhD. from the Faculty of Law of Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice. His speech was followed by the conference papers, which were arranged into four conference blocks throughout the day. Within them, topics related to, for example, Polish civil law after 1918, the Paris Peace Conference, the Treaty of Trianon, legislation in Hungary after the First World War and social measures were presented.

Two scientists from the Institute of Social Sciences of the Centre of Social and Psychological Sciences of the Slovak Academy of Sciences participated in the conference. Mgr. Zlatica Sáposová, PhD. prepared a paper together with doc. Mgr. Iveta Jeleňová, PhD. from the Faculty of Public Administration of Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice. In their presentation they discussed the geopolitical changes after the First World War and the ethnic structure of the population in the south-eastern part of Slovakia. The contribution of Mgr. Miroslava Gallová, PhD., related to women in public administration in the territory of today's Slovakia and especially in Košice after the First World War.

During the two days of the conference, nearly three dozen lectures were given by experts from Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland, who presented their latest research and shared their methodological approaches and new findings. Some papers also provided inspiration for further research. Each conference session was followed by a discussion where experts could exchange further information, recommendations, and experiences. Despite the hybrid form of the conference organisation, the organisers managed to ensure the smooth running of the two-day event and the interaction between the physically present participants and those who attended the conference online. The conference was of a high professional standard and brought many new insights. The organisers of the event plan to publish the conference papers in the conference proceedings after the review process.

More information about the conference can be found at:

<http://trianon.pravo.upjs.sk/www/202209/index.html>