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**A Report of the Nationwide Scientific Conference  
“Human Rights – Privilege or Restriction?  
Interdisciplinary Discourse on the Rights of People  
in the Modern World”, Olsztyn, May 24, 2017**

On the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017 the Nationwide Scientific Conference was held in Olsztyn. The topic was: “Human Rights – Privilege or Restriction? Interdisciplinary Discourse on the Rights of People in the Modern World”. It was organized by the Janusz Korczak Pedagogical University in Warsaw, and specifically its affiliate in Olsztyn. The honorary patrons of the conference were: the Children’s Rights Ombudsman, the Polish Pedagogical Association, the President of Olsztyn, the Warmińsko-Mazurski Chief Educational Officer and the Civil Rights Ombudsman. The Scientific Committee of the conference consisted of Prof. dr hab. Julian Auleytner – the Rector of the Janusz Korczak Pedagogical University in Warsaw, Prof. dr hab. Andrzej M. de Tchorzewski – the Jesuit University in Krakow, Prof. dr hab. Andrzej Gretkowski, Prof. dr hab. Jagna Czochońska-Kruk, Dr hab. Mirosław Grewiński, Dr hab. Ewa Jarosz, Dr hab. Marzenna Nowicka, Dr hab. Joanna Ostrouch-Kamińska, Dr hab. Barbara Golińska and other professors.

Only plenary sessions were held but they were divided into four parts. The first part was entitled: “Human rights guarantee in legislative acts and educational and social practice”. It was moderated by Dr hab. Barbara Skalbania and Prof. dr hab. Andrzej M. de Tchorzewski from our Jesuit University in Krakow. Three

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addresses were delivered, the first by Dr hab. Mirosław Grewiński: “Social rights as the fundament of social policy”, the second one was delivered by Dr Ryszard A. Podgórski: “Axiology of the “Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union” and the third by Dr Aneta Kobylińska: “Intercultural education as a tool of building a dialog in multicultural society”. The session was very interesting and it was a great inspiration for discussion amongst the participants of the conference.

The second part of the plenary session was called: “Caring for needs, respect and dignity—childhood as a special category of protection”, moderated by Dr hab. Barbara Golińska and Dr hab. Mirosław Grewiński. Prof. dr hab. Andrzej Gretkowski delivered an address: “Korczak’s rights of children yesterday, today and tomorrow”. Prof. dr hab. Andrzej M. de Tchorzewski of the Jesuit University in Krakow contributed the paper: “The rights of children and the pedagogical imperatives”, and the last one was delivered by Anna Wilczyńska: “Breaking the rights of children in institutional and family foster care”. The last was perhaps the most interesting for the participants of the conference and they asked its author many additional and important questions.

The third plenary session was called “School as a place of (non)respect for human rights” and it was moderated by Dr hab. Barbara Skałbania, and Rev. Prof. dr hab. Andrzej Gretkowski. A lecture on “Respect the dignity of the student” was delivered by Dr hab. Lucyna Hurło, whilst “Respecting children’s rights in school practice” was given by Dr hab. Marzenna Nowicka. Concluding this session was the paper: “The rights of students capable of practicing school, in the chosen European countries with a special focus on Poland: A comparative perspective” which was the work of Dr Aneta Kamińska of the Jesuit University in Krakow.

Finally, the last session was called: “Liberated or enslaved: Women’s rights in private and public space” and it was moderated by Dr hab. Marzenna Nowicka and Dr hab. Joanna Ostrouch-Kamińska. Once again three lectures were delivered: the first was entitled: “The feminine face of citizenship” by Dr Irena Sosnowska, the second was “Discourses of (in)equality: Representations of femininity in the public sphere and narratives of women” by Dr Paulina Broża and the third: “Religious and cultural determinants of marriage minor

girls in publications of the world's electronic media" given by Dr Urszula Pulińska.

At the end, the conference was summarized by Prof. dr hab. Andrzej M. de Tchorzewski from our Jesuit University in Krakow and Dr hab. Barbara Skałbania. Many participants also asked some questions to each other and they held great and important discussion. The conference was about a very significant topic and the participants delivered some very useful data and ideas about human rights and especially children's rights. They also shared a large number of examples about the breaking of these rights, showing some examples. The conference had both a theoretical and a practical dimension which was also very important. The participants tried to make the connection between theory and practice. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet all those people and listen to their speeches.

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