

Staff Seminar

Topic : The System of Legal Protection of Cultural Heritage

Speaker : Professor Kamil Zeidler

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Abstract:

The system of cultural heritage protection is based on three pillars: 1) law, 2) economics, and 3) social knowledge and responsibility. In all modern states the system of legal protection of cultural heritage has two sources: public international law and domestic law. Sometimes it has the third source, like European law (which is quite different from international law) in European Union member states. Law is divided into different branches: civil law, criminal law, administrative law, financial law, etc. In each of them we can find legal tools stipulated to protect cultural heritage, however some of them are more useful than others. In the process of applying the law, we have to focus on valuation – determining what is an object of cultural heritage and what is not. When public authority has to make a decision regarding cultural heritage protection, very often it has to go beyond the legal system, and has to refer to other normative systems and systems of valuation. The most important is theory of conservation and a soft law document - Venice Charter (1964). Finally, cultural heritage protection is closely connected with liberalism versus communitarianism debate, and as such it can be called hard case.

Bio:

Prof. Kamil Zeidler is dr habil. of law, and professor at the Department of Theory and Philosophy of State and Law, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Gdansk (Poland). He is the director of the Centre for East Asia Studies at the University of Gdansk. Prof. Zeidler is the author of more than 400 publications on legal protection of cultural heritage, theory and philosophy of law, international law and European law. He participated and cooperated in organization of numerous conferences in the same fields. He was Gained scholarships form Ministry of Culture of the Polish Republic for cultural heritage legal research twice (2003, 2007); DAAD scholarship at Friedrich Wilhelms University in Bonn (1997). He is a member of international scientific associations: *Internationale Vereinigung für Rechts und Sozialphilosophie (IVR)*, *Polish Branch of International Law Association (ILA)*, *Polish National Committee of International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS)*, *Polish National Committee of International Council of Museums (ICOM)*.

Sandwiches and refreshments will be served

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