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## FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION SUMMER SCHOOL

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Undoubtedly, freedom of expression belongs to the most celebrated liberal principles. One cannot imagine a well-functioning democracy where rights to free speech, free press and free exercise of religion are not recognized and respected by the government. In contemporary debate upholding freedom of expression is regarded as a condition of a pursuit of truth, a requirement of democratic legitimacy, as well as a condition of individual well-being and human flourishing.

Nevertheless, apart from its wide approval, freedom of expression constitutes a source of deep ongoing disagreements. The exact content and scope of this principle remains a subject of debates among academic scholars, law practitioners, politicians, activists and ordinary citizens. Issues such as social media regulation, the justifiability of hate speech laws, the extent of academic freedom, the boundaries of religious speech, and criminalization of fake news are definitely among the most contentious and polarizing topics in contemporary public debates.

The significance of freedom of expression and its contestability, taken together, make this principle an excellent subject for summer school classes. Our summer school provides an unique opportunity to discuss different aspects of freedom of expression with distinguished scholars from Italy, Poland, the United States and the United Kingdom. The programme includes classes dedicated both to general and more particular aspects of the problem. The summer school is addressed mainly to PhD students in law, philosophy, and humanities.

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### INSTRUCTORS & LECTURERS

- Seana Shiffrin, UCLA, USA
- Frederick Schauer, University of Virginia, USA
- Alessio Sardo, University of Genoa, Italy
- Tom Parr, University of Warwick, UK
- Przemysław Pałka, Jagiellonian University, Poland
- Matthew Kramer, University of Cambridge, UK
- Francesco Ferraro, University of Milan, Italy
- Katarzyna Eliaz, Jagiellonian University, Poland
- Wojciech Ciszewski, Jagiellonian University, Poland
- Paul Billingham, University of Oxford, UK
- Paweł Banaś, University of Warsaw, Poland

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### ORGANIZER/VENUE:

- **Classes:** University of Warsaw, Law and Administration Faculty; Collegium Iuridicum II, Lipowa 4, 00-316 Warsaw
- **Accommodation:** University of Warsaw Guesthouse "Hera"; Belwederska 26/30, 00-999 Warsaw

## GENERAL ADMISSION RULES

1. Admission requirements:
  - a. **Graduate students** (MA and PhD students) from **foreign (non-Polish)** universities are eligible for recruitment. If you plan to participate in-person, you will receive a **scholarship (min. 1500PLN= ca. 330 EUR\*)** that aims to cover your transportation and accommodation costs. If you are in a BA programme, please contact us first.
  - b. **Graduate students** (MA and PhD students) from **Polish universities** are also eligible for recruitment but you will have to cover transportation and accommodations costs for yourself. If you are in a BA programme, please contact us first.
  - c. In order to register for the summer school, please fill the **registration form** (<https://forms.gle/z1WBhp2z99hW8pmQ9>), attach your **short CV** and **describe your current research project** (e.g. associated with your PhD or MA thesis).
  - d. Registration **deadline** is: **3.07.2022** but note that admission is based on **“first come, first serve”** basis (for those who qualify)!
  - e. We can accept a **limited number of participants** (both on-line and in-person participants).
  - f. You may contact us via e-mail: [lawphil@uw.edu.pl](mailto:lawphil@uw.edu.pl)
2. This summer school is a **hybrid event** with classes taking place **18-31 July 2022**: you may participate both **on-line** (via ZOOM) and **in-person**.
3. **This is an intensive summer school (=120-150h of workload); it is important that you are highly motivated to participate actively in all the classes. On-line participants are required to have their cameras on all the time.**
4. Some lecturers will join us on-line. Organizers provide **tablets** to participants in Warsaw, so you do not have to bring your own computer equipment.
5. After the summer school you will receive an official diploma.

### SCHOOL COORDINATORS

**Paweł Banaś & Wojciech Ciszewski**

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\* the scholarship is payable upon arrival in Warsaw and signing the agreement.

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