



Notes on Contributors



Goran Andrijanić is a Croatian journalist and commentator based in Poland, specialising in Polish politics, Central European affairs and the public role of religion in contemporary societies. A graduate in journalism from the Faculty of Political Science at the University of Zagreb, he has worked since the late 1990s for outlets such as *Obzor*, *Fokus*, *Jutarnji list* and Croatian public television, later serving as editor-in-chief of the Catholic portal Bitno.net. He cooperates with the European Center for Non-Governmental Projects (ECPP), a conceptual and analytical institution focusing on European integration and the Three Seas Initiative. He is the author of *Niezrealizowana wolność (Unrealised Freedom)*, a book-length interview with the Croatian Franciscan theologian Ante Vučković and writes the Substack newsletter *Poljska u mom srcu (Poland in My Heart)* for a Croatian readership. In 2018 he received the Maciej Łukasiewicz Award of the Polish Journalists' Association.

André P. DeBattista is a Maltese political scientist and Lecturer at the Institute for European Studies, University of Malta, specialising in political discourse, European identity, national identity, nationalism and Malta's political development. He holds a PhD from the University of Malta (thesis: *Forging a national epic for a newly-sovereign state: narrative, myth and identity in Maltese nation-building (1964–2004)*, 2025), with prior degrees in European Studies from the same institution. DeBattista lectures on EU integration history (*A Historical Perspective on EU Integration*), Malta in the EU, agenda-setting, identity and culture in Europe, and placements; his research examines political narratives, EU security and cultural politics. Key publications include "The malaise of Malta: social divisions, weak institutions, and political partisanship" (with J.C. Cachia, 2018), "Political narrative, collective EU security and the State of the Union" (*European Politics and Society*, 2023), and contributions to *The Different Faces of Politics in Literature and Music* (2023) and *Handbook of Civil Society and Social Movements in Small States* (2023). A Research Associate at the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies, he has authored on geopolitics, Eastern Partnership and Malta's security role, with recent works on the Idea of Europe in papal thought (2025) and Eurovision politics; his latest is "Ukraine as a Locus of Identity: The Emergence of a New European Self-Understanding" (2024).

Rev. Tomasz Błaszczuk is a Roman Catholic priest of the Archdiocese of Wrocław and a church historian (*doctor habilitatus* in theology) specialising in the history of the Catholic Church in Silesia in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. His research focuses on the history of education in Silesia, the charitable and religio-social activity of the Wrocław Church, and the role of religious orders in the region, including Jesuit, Franciscan and other monastic communities, both in the era of early modern Catholic reform and in the context of the Kulturkampf. In recent years he has devoted particular attention to the development of the cult of Divine Mercy and to the contribution of the Pallottines, notably in studies of the so-called Pallottine postulatorship in the beatification process of St Faustina Kowalska and of the congregation's presence in military chaplaincy and

pastoral care. A separate strand of his work is biographical and prosopographical, expressed in dictionary entries and scholarly articles; he is co-editor and co-author of the *Słownik polskich teologów katolickich* (*Dictionary of Polish Catholic Theologians*). Alongside his academic activity he serves as parish priest of Our Lady Queen of Poland in Przeworno and is the founder and president of the Piast Club *Myśląc Polska* (*Thinking of Poland*), a local forum for historical, political, legal and economic reflection that regularly hosts lectures by scholars and public intellectuals.

Artur Błażejowski, Polish archaeologist and Pro-Rector for Research at the University of Wrocław since June 2022, read archaeology there, graduating in 1991. His doctoral dissertation, supervised by Professor Stanisław Pazda, examined the funerary rites of the Przeworsk culture in Silesia (1996); his habilitation explored that culture's connections to the Rhine-Weser cultural zone (2007). From 1995 to 1996 he held an assistantship at the Regional Museum in Środa Śląska; since 1996 he has belonged to the Institute of Archaeology at the University of Wrocław, advancing successively as deputy director (2005–2012), director (2012–2016), and dean of the Faculty of Historical and Pedagogical Sciences (2020–2022). A member of the University Senate from 2016 to 2024, he now shapes research strategy as Pro-Rector. Corresponding member of the German Archaeological Institute since 2014 and vice-president of the Scientific Association of Polish Archaeologists, Professor Błażejowski has authored or co-authored over 120 scholarly works, including five monographs published in Poland and abroad. Among his principal publications stands *Barbarzyńcy i Rzymianie. Kultura przeworska i wpływy rzymskie* (*Barbarians and Romans: The Przeworsk Culture and Roman Influences*, 2010). Funded by the Polish National Science Centre, his research centres upon Barbaricum–Roman Empire contacts, workshop ceramics, and funerary practices; excavations in Silesia and Lower Silesia have unearthed elite barbarian burials attesting cultural exchanges. He has supervised sixty bachelor's theses, seventy master's dissertations, and five doctorates.

Andrzej Bryk is a Polish legal historian and constitutional scholar, Professor of Legal Sciences and Professor Extraordinarius at the Faculty of Law and Administration, Jagiellonian University (UJ) in Kraków, specialising in comparative constitutional history, American constitutionalism and the history of political ideas. He read Law at UJ (1972–1976), completed postgraduate studies at Johns Hopkins University Bologna Center (1978–1979), earned his PhD there in 1983 with a thesis on liberalism in Daniel Bell's doctrine, and habilitated in 1999 with *The Origins of Constitutional Government – Higher Law and the Sources of Judicial Review*; full professorship was conferred by the President of Poland in 2015. Bryk has held visiting professorships at Harvard University (1988–1989), Amherst College, Marquette University, University of New Hampshire and the Institute of European Studies in Vienna, lecturing on American rights, freedoms and contemporary constitutionalism. His key monographs include *The Limits to Arbitrary Government: Edward Coke and the Search for Fundamental Law* (1996) and *Jewish Autonomy in the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth from the 16th to the 18th Century* (*Autonomia Żydów w*

Rzeczypospolitej Obojga Narodów od XVI do XVIII wieku, vol. 1, 2013). He has edited volumes of *Krakowskie Studia Międzynarodowe (Kraków International Studies)* on US politics and Reagan's legacy, with articles on neoconservatism, affirmative action and transatlantic relations; recent publications appear with Jagiellonian University Press (2024). Bryk lectures at the Visegrád Summer School on American studies and contributes to Poland's leading daily broadsheet *Rzeczpospolita* on US civil rights.

Joel Burnell is an American theologian and long-serving lecturer at the Evangelical School of Theology (EWST) in Wrocław, Poland, where he has chaired the Theology Department since 1993. Born in Oregon, USA, he read chemical engineering at Oregon State University (B.S. 1977), followed by theology at Western Conservative Baptist Seminary, from which he graduated with honours (M.Div. 1992) and was ordained as a pastor in 1993; he completed his PhD in theology at All Nations Christian College, Open University, in 2007 with research on Dietrich Bonhoeffer. From 2011 to 2012 he also served as adjunct faculty at Western Seminary. His teaching and research interests encompass systematic theology, ethics, patristics, moral theology, Bonhoeffer studies, ecumenism and philosophy of religion. He directs the Jonathan Edwards Center – Poland (since 2008), serves on the board of the Polish section of the International Bonhoeffer Society (since 2005), and has edited Polish translations of major theological texts, including *A Jonathan Edwards Reader* (2014). Among his publications are *Poetry, Providence, and Patriotism: Polish Messianism in Dialogue with Dietrich Bonhoeffer* (2009) and, as co-editor, *Bearing Responsibility for Others* (2008).

David Campanale is a multi-award-winning British journalist with over 30 years at BBC News, starting as freelance producer/camera for Channel 4 *Week in Politics*, ITN Romania (1989–1990, global exclusives under communism) and BBC Newsnight Lviv anti-Soviet protests (1990). In Westminster he produced Radio 4's *Today in Parliament* and *Westminster Live* (1990–1996), before rising to Broadcast Journalist at BBC World News (1996–2021), breaking exclusives including Asia Bibi's first major TV interview post-release, Russian tanks invading Ukraine (2022 confirmation), asymptomatic SARS-CoV-2 transmission (first BBC TV report), PPE scandals, and BP national exclusives. His standout work with BBC's China Investigations Unit included the Emmy-nominated *Panorama* on Pyongyang university, alongside long-form probes. The pinnacle was co-authoring "Their goal is to destroy everyone – Uighur camp detainees allege systematic rape" (2021), winning BBC News Awards Exclusive of the Year (judges: "brilliant bit of broadcasting" with global reverberations via testimonies and GIS tech), runner-up AIB Best Single News Report, and BBC Investigation nomination. He chaired London NUJ BBC branch, served two terms on national executive, and was Father of Chapel in World News. In politics, he stood as Liberal Democrats candidate for Sutton and Cheam (deselected 2022); other roles include Tearfund director (2011–2017), Strategic Media Consultant at College Green Group (2025–), and Danube Institute Visiting Fellow.

Mark J. Cherry is the Dr Patricia A. Hayes Professor in Applied Ethics and Professor of Philosophy at St Edward's University in Austin, Texas, whose work lies at the intersection of bioethics, philosophy of medicine, and social and political philosophy. He read philosophy at the University of Houston (BA, summa cum laude) and at Rice University (MA, PhD), where he wrote his doctoral thesis on property rights in human organs under the supervision of H. Tristram Engelhardt Jr. His book *Kidney for Sale by Owner: Human Organs, Transplantation, and the Market* (2005) advances a systematic defence of regulated markets in human organs as a morally permissible framework for organ procurement and allocation. His most recent monograph, *Bioethics after God: Morality, Culture, and Medicine* (2024), offers an extensive critique of contemporary secular bioethics and argues that, absent reference to God, claims to objective moral judgment in medicine lack an ultimately binding foundation; the book received First Place in the Faith and Science category at the 2025 Catholic Media Awards. He serves as editor of *The Journal of Medicine and Philosophy* and *Christian Bioethics*, both published by Oxford University Press, editor-in-chief of *HealthCare Ethics Committee Forum* (Springer Nature), and co-editor of the *Routledge Annals of Bioethics* book series. In recognition of his scholarly work, he has been awarded an honorary doctorate by the "1 Decembrie 1918" University of Alba Iulia (2016).

Piotr Grabowiec, professor at the University of Wrocław, is a Polish political scientist and habilitated doctor of political science, serving since 2023 as Director of the Institute of European Studies and since 2016 as Head of the Chair of European Studies, while also leading the Department of European History, Civilisation and Socio-Economic Thought. His research centres on civil religion, biopolitics, transhumanism and posthumanism from a political anthropology perspective, alongside civilisation theories. Grabowiec co-edited *Spółeczeństwo obywatelskie (Civil Society)* (2001) and contributed to *Federalism: Theories and Concepts* (1998), whilst editing *Spór o „Solidarność”. Przypadek Liberalno-Demokratycznej Partii „Niepodległość” (The Dispute over "Solidarność": The Case of the Liberal-Democratic Party "Independence")* (2017). His monographs comprise *Model społeczeństwa obywatelskiego w historiozofii Feliksa Konecznego (The Model of Civil Society in the Historiosophy of Feliks Koneczny)* (2000) and *Religia obywatelska jako teoretyczna propozycja integracji politycznej Wspólnoty Europejskiej (Civil Religion as a Theoretical Proposal for European Community Integration)* (2013). He was associated with the milieu of *Kwadrat (Square)*, the anti-communist opposition journal. A member of the Scientific Council of the Projekt Akademia Association, Grabowiec has authored over 40 publications on civilisational history and contemporary political thought, including recent articles on China's New Silk Road (*Studia Orientalne*, 2024), civil religion (*Ateneum Kapłańskie*, 2024) and the totalitarian gnosis of transhumanism (*Myśl Polityczna*, 2022).

Ferenc Hörcher serves as Research Professor and Head of the Research Institute for Politics and Government at Ludovika University of Public Service, Budapest. A Hungarian political philosopher, historian of political thought, and philosopher of art, he earned an MA in Hungarian/English Language and Aesthetics (Budapest, 1987; visiting graduate at Oxford), MA in Legal Theory (Brussels/Leuven, 1997), PhD (Hungarian Academy of Sciences), habilitation (2007, PPCU), academic doctorate in philosophy (2011, HAS), university professorship (2012, by the President of Hungary), and research professorship (2019). Author of *The Political Philosophy of the European City* (2021), and *Art and Politics in Roger Scruton's Conservative Philosophy* (2023). Recent works feature “Beyond the Window That Can Never Be Opened” — Roger Scruton on “Moments of Revelation” (*Religions*, 2024). He leads projects on British Conservative Thought in a European Context and Hungarian Constitutional Thought; formerly Director of the Institute of Philosophy, HAS (2013–2018). Senior Fellow at the Centre for British Politics, University of Hull (since 2024), and Scientific Advisor at HUN-REN Institute of Philosophy. Visiting lecturer at Jagiellonian University (Kraków) and Babeş-Bolyai University (Cluj-Napoca); researcher in Vienna, Göttingen, Wassenaar, Cambridge, Edinburgh, and Notre Dame. Elected Member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (Second Department, 2012–2019), he belongs to the Michael Oakeshott Association, Hume Society, Society for 18th-Century Scottish Studies, and European Association for Urban History; fellowships include NIAS Magyar (2005–2006), Novich at Notre Dame (2009), and Max Planck Institute (2003).

Wojciech Kilan is an assistant professor in the Department of Philosophy of Man and Culture at the Institute of Philosophy, University of Wrocław, where he previously held the post of assistant. He was awarded his PhD in 2024 for the dissertation *Tomistyczna etyka działań śmiertelnych państwa* (*Thomistic Ethics of the State's Lethal Actions*), in which he develops a systematic account of state-inflicted lethal actions — such as capital punishment, police killing, and warfare — within Thomistic and Aristotelian ethical and political theory. His academic profile is further shaped by a research internship at the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO). His recent publications include *Policjant jako minister iudicis. Analiza reguł policyjnego zabijania w ramach etyki tomistycznej* (*Police-man as the Minister of the Judge. An Analysis of the Rules Governing Police Killing within Thomistic Ethics*) (*Roczniki Filozoficzne*, 2024) and *Znaczenie cnót społecznych w rozwoju człowieka. Problemowy przypadek kary śmierci* (*The Importance of Social Virtues in Human Development: The Problematic Case of Capital Punishment*) (*Rocznik Tomistyczny*, 2025). In 2025 he co-edited the monograph *Philosophia in transitu: The Status of Metaphysics Today*. Dr Kilan held a Preludium 21 research grant awarded by the Polish National Science Centre (NCN) for the years 2023–2025.

Michał Kwilecki is a Polish historian and public affairs analyst, Vice Chairman of the Foundation of the European Council of Enterprise, Science and Culture, Director of the International Institute of Regional Development, and Chancellor of the Association of

the Descendants of the Great Polish Sejm since its founding. He read History and Political Science at University College of Swansea, University of Wales (1982–1988), earning a Double Honours Degree, followed by postgraduate work at the Centre for Russian and European Studies there and analytical training at the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House). His career has focused on transatlantic relations, Central European geopolitics and the preservation of Polish parliamentary traditions from the era of the Great Sejm (1788–1792), with contributions to policy analysis, cultural heritage initiatives and media commentary on Polish nobility and historical legacy. His distinguished service has been recognised by several high honours, including Hungary's highest state decoration, the Golden Cross of Merit, awarded by the President of Hungary; the Silver Cross of Merit from the Grand Master of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta – a rare distinction normally reserved for wartime service; and the Golden Medal of Merit from the Union of Polish Knights of Malta. He also holds the Medal of Independence from the President of the Republic of Poland. Active in the leadership of noble and cultural associations, Kwilecki promotes historical awareness and the legacy of Poland's constitutional traditions, appearing in media discussions on genealogy and the heritage of the Polish nobility.

Rafał Lis, Associate Professor at the Jesuit University Ignatianum in Krakow, is a historian of political thought whose work centres on republicanism, mixed government and the transformation of political ideas between the Enlightenment and the age of revolutions. He teaches in the Department of Political Thought at the Institute of Political Science and Administration at the same university. A graduate of the Jagiellonian University, he obtained his PhD in political science there in 2006 with a dissertation on the main political and legal conceptions of the Scottish Enlightenment. His most recent monograph, *W poszukiwaniu prawdziwej Rzeczypospolitej (In Search of the True Commonwealth, 2015)*, offers a major reinterpretation of the political discourse of the Four-Year Sejm and the evolution of Polish republican ideas in the context of late eighteenth-century constitutional reform. In his articles he has examined, among other themes, the republican tradition, popular sovereignty and the “culture of contestatory citizenry”, including a widely discussed essay on Philip Pettit’s reading of Rousseau. He is associated with the journal *Horyzonty Polityki (Horizons of Politics)* and takes part in international scholarly debate, for example through invited lectures on Polish politics and constitutionalism at Vilnius University.

Mateusz Machaj, titular professor at the University of Wrocław, is a Polish economist with a habilitated doctorate in economic sciences. He holds a position at the Institute of Economic Sciences, Faculty of Law, Administration and Economics. He received his PhD in 2009 from Wrocław University of Economics for *Property Rights in Capitalist and Socialist Systems: A Comparative Study*, securing habilitation in 2018. Founder of the Ludwig von Mises Institute of Economic Education, he excels in pure economic theory—micro- and macroeconomics, history of economic thought, property rights, monetary policy, interest rates, and production structures. Author of seminal works such as *Kapitalizm*,

socjalizm i prawa własności (Capitalism, Socialism and Property Rights, 2013), Money, Interest, and the Structure of Production: Resolving Some Puzzles in the Theory of Capital (2017), and Stopa procentowa a struktura produkcji (Interest Rate and Production Structure, 2020). Awarded the 2025 Mikołaj Kopernik Scientific Prize in economics for Monetary Policy and Inflation: Quality Theory of Money. Machaj lectures in entrepreneurship, business ethics, microeconomics, and macroeconomics — predominantly in English. Appointed Chief Economist at the Mises Institute in 2009, he has been a visiting lecturer at Université d'Angers and Cevro Institute, with more than 300 scholarly citations. His honours include the Douglas E. French Prize, Lawrence Fertig Prize in Austrian Economics, and 2025 presidential nomination to full professorship.

Marek Matraszek, British-Polish political consultant, is Chairman of the Supervisory Board of CEC Group, Central Europe's premier independent public affairs and strategic communications agency founded by him as CEC Government Relations in 1993. Born in the UK, he read Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Magdalen College, Oxford (BA Hons 1984), taught English at the Catholic University of Lublin (1984–1985), then pursued an MPhil in Russian and East European Studies at St Antony's College, Oxford (1987), specialising in Polish contemporary history, followed by doctoral research on pre-1980 Polish dissident movements' political writings. Arriving in Poland in 1990, Matraszek represented the Margaret Thatcher Foundation (1992) before establishing CEC to deliver political intelligence, monitoring and analysis for Western multinationals navigating post-communist privatisation and EU accession. Under his leadership, CEC evolved into CEC Group (rebrand 2021), expanding to integrated services – government relations, media campaigns, digital advocacy and regulatory intelligence – with offices in Warsaw, Prague, Bratislava and Budapest, serving clients in defence, energy and infrastructure amid geopolitical shifts. In 2023, amid restructuring, he transitioned from CEO to chair the new Supervisory Board. He engages in philanthropy via the Marek Matraszek Scholarships at Oxford's Blackfriars Hall (Humanities and Philosophy Society, funding Polish scholars since 2025). Affiliated with Aspen Institute Central Europe and Roger Scruton Legacy Foundation, his expertise centres on security policy and transatlantic relations.

Paweł Milcarek is a Polish philosopher and historian, a Catholic public intellectual, and the founder and long-time editor-in-chief of the quarterly *Christianitas*, which publishes religious, social and civilizational analyses rooted in the Latin liturgical tradition of the Catholic Church. He studied history at the University of Warsaw and obtained his doctorate in philosophy from the Academy of Catholic Theology in Warsaw (now Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw) in 1994, under the supervision of the Thomist philosopher Mieczysław Gogacz, whose school of thought he continues. From 1992 to 2009 he taught in the Chair of the History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy at that institution and, from 2008 to 2009, served as director and editor-in-chief of the Second Programme of Polish Radio. His more recent collection *Otwarte okna. Szkice z kultury humanizmu katolickiego (Open Windows: Essays in the Culture of Catholic Humanism, 2022),*

published in the “Biblioteka Christianitas” series, was nominated for the 2023 Józef Mackiewicz Literary Award and received a distinction from its jury. In 2023 he also received the John Paul II Prize for Family, Love and Life, awarded by the French Institut pour la Famille en Europe, for the French edition of *Z całą prostotą* (*With All Simplicity*), his book-length interview with Dom Antoine Forgeot OSB, abbot of the Benedictine Abbey of Notre-Dame de Fontgombault. He is also the initiator and general editor of the multi-volume *Breviarium Kanonu Kultury* (*Breviary of the Cultural Canon*), an anthology of 365 texts of Latin European culture conceived as a daily reader in the classics.

Robert Olkiewicz, distinguished theoretical physicist and present Rector of the University of Wrocław, commands profound expertise in continuous quantum systems, open quantum systems, environmentally induced decoherence, quantum dynamical semigroups, operator algebras, and mathematical methods in physics. First elected Rector in a 2022 by-election, he secured emphatic re-election for the 2024–2028 term, drawing upon extensive prior administrative experience as Dean of the Faculty of Physics and Astronomy (2008–2012) and Pro-Rector for General Affairs (2012–2016). He graduated in physics from the University of Wrocław with distinction in 1987, proceeding to doctoral qualification in 1992, associate professorship in 2004, and full professorship in 2008. Successively Head of the Department of Mathematical Methods (2001–2005) and twice Director of the Institute of Theoretical Physics (2005–2008; 2020–2022), he decisively moulded its distinctive research profile in mathematical physics, notably through convening the distinguished 21st Max Born Symposium (2011) and Asia–Europe Physics Summit (2011). Honoured as Humboldt Research Fellow at the University of Bielefeld (1998), he has sustained enduring scholarly collaborations with Imperial College London and other pre-eminent institutions. Professor Olkiewicz’s seminal contributions — encompassing environment-induced decoherence, quantum dynamical semigroups, and functional-analytic approaches to open quantum systems — command international acclaim, attested by authorship of over sixty papers in premier journals that elegantly bridge rigorous mathematics and quantum theory.

Bishop Marcin Orawski serves as Bishop of the Diocese of Wrocław in the Evangelical-Augsburg (Lutheran) Church in Poland, elected by the Diocesan Synod on 22 March 2025 and ordained on 13 September 2025 for a ten-year term. A graduate of the Christian Theological Academy in Warsaw, he completed postgraduate studies in religious studies at the University of Warsaw and was ordained on 1 February 1998. Assigned to the Parish of Divine Providence in Wrocław, he advanced from assistant pastor (2003) to parish pastor (2017). Since 2000 he has acted as prison chaplain for the Diocese of Wrocław, earning a bronze medal for merit in penitentiary service from the Minister of Justice in 2010. From 2011 to 2020, Bishop Orawski served as Editor-in-Chief of *Wiera i Mundur* (*Faith and Uniform*), the journal of the Evangelical Military Chaplaincy. A clergy delegate to the 13th, 14th, and 15th Church Synods, he was elected to the Consistory of the Evangelical-Augsburg Church in Poland for the 2022–2026 term. His leadership

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Jonathan Price holds the John and Daria Barry Fellowship at Pusey House and a Pusey Fellowship at St Cross College, University of Oxford. He serves concurrently as Stipendiary Lecturer in Law at Trinity College, Research Associate of the Programme for the Foundations of Law and Constitutional Government in the Faculty of Law, and Director of the Centre for Theology, Law, and Culture at Pusey House. His doctoral thesis, awarded by Leiden University Law School, examines the foundational virtues and values of the modern egalitarian constitution. A visiting researcher at Leiden Law School since 2009 (where he has taught philosophy and law), he has delivered lectures at Oxford since 2011, having previously held a Junior Research Fellowship at the Aquinas Institute, Blackfriars. Founding editor of the peer-reviewed *Politics & Poetics* and *The Clarion Review*. Price co-organises the annual Vanenburg Meetings (Center for European Renewal, since 2006), holds a professorship in General Jurisprudence at Memoria College, and serves as Visiting Research Fellow at the Danube Institute. Notable recent lectures include the Annual Matraszek Lecture, ‘Boethius and the Concept of a Person’ (2025), and the Inaugural Matraszek Fellowship Lecture, ‘Rights and Persons in Nature’ (2024); he also organises the Leiden-Oxford Exchange for Master’s students in Legal Philosophy. His prior studies encompass philosophy of religion (Leiden), philosophy (Dickinson College, USA), and the Great Books Programme at Templeton Honors College (USA), complemented by faculty advising for the Justus Lipsius Society at Leiden.

Gregory M. Reichberg is a philosopher and Research Professor at the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), whose work centres on military ethics, the just war tradition, Thomistic moral thought and the ethical implications of artificial intelligence in armed conflict. He holds a PhD in philosophy from Emory University and has held academic appointments in philosophy at The Catholic University of America, Fordham University and the MF Norwegian School of Theology, as well as in political science at the University of Oslo. His monograph *Thomas Aquinas on War and Peace* (Cambridge University Press, 2017) offers the first book-length reconstruction of Aquinas’s account of just war and was selected as a *Choice Outstanding Academic Title*—an honour conferred on roughly ten per cent of reviewed works. He has co-edited major sourcebooks on war, ethics and religion, including *The Ethics of War: Classic and Contemporary Readings* (Blackwell, 2006) and *Religion, War and Ethics: A Sourcebook of Textual Traditions* (Cambridge University Press, 2014). From 2012 to 2020 he led the Oslo-based Research School on Peace and Conflict, and from 2009 to 2012 directed the PRIO Cyprus Centre, coordinating dialogue initiatives on the island’s division and in the wider Middle East, including Iraq, Iran and Lebanon. A member of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, he also serves as consultant to the Holy See’s Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development on questions of war, peace, disarmament and new military technologies. He currently leads and

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Cezary Rutka is a Polish strategy and innovation advisor working at the nexus of enterprise, higher education, and public policy. He chairs the Management Board of the European Council of Enterprise, Science and Culture Foundation and serves as Vice-Chair of its associated employers' union. As an external member of the University Council at Wrocław University of Environmental and Life Sciences, he contributes a business perspective to strategic governance and university–industry collaboration. For over two decades he has directed Alnair, a Wrocław-based consultancy and training firm aiding small and medium-sized enterprises in strategic management, innovation, and organisational effectiveness. Rutka acts as an Innovation Coach and long-standing expert for Poland's National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR), evaluating research and innovation projects funded by EU resources. Through the Magnus Foundation, he engages in mediation and entrepreneurship education. Educated in law and management psychology at the University of Wrocław, and in mediation at Wrocław University of Economics, he blends legal, organisational, and entrepreneurial expertise in his advisory practice.

Bishop Andrzej Siemieniewski, a Polish Roman Catholic theologian and Bishop of Legnica, holds the rank of professor of divinity. He earned his doctorate in spiritual theology at the Pontifical University of St Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in Rome (1987–1991), followed by habilitation at the Pontifical Faculty of Theology in Wrocław in 1998 and full professorship in 2004. From 1991 he served at that Faculty as Head of the Department of Spiritual Theology (from 1997) and Vice-Rector (1998–2001). In 2006 Pope Benedict XVI appointed him Auxiliary Bishop of Wrocław, with the titular see of Theuzi; he later acted as Vicar General and Provost of the Archdiocesan Chapter (from 2012). Pope Francis named him Bishop of Legnica on 28 June 2021. Within the Polish Bishops' Conference he sits on the Academic Council, Council for Ecumenism, and Committee for Contacts with the Polish Ecumenical Council. His scholarship explores spiritual theology, Christian mysticism, and faith–science dialogue; his episcopal motto is *Deus caritas est*. Key works include *Teologia duchowości św. Jana od Krzyża (Theology of the Spirituality of St John of the Cross, 1998)*, *O doświadczeniu mistycznym i obecności Maryi (On Mystical Experience and the Presence of Mary, 2023)*, *Duchowa moc. Charyzmaty, które zmieniają życie Kościoła (Spiritual Power: Charisms that Change the Life of the Church, 2025)*, and contributions to *Roczniki Teologiczne (Theological Annals)*; he remains Professor at the Catholic Academy in Wrocław.

Rev. Csaba Sógor is a Romanian Reformed minister and public representative of the Hungarian minority, former Member of the European Parliament (2007–2019) for the Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania within the European People's Party. Since March 2022 he has served as Foreign Affairs Chief Adviser to the Synod of the Reformed

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