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The 30th Critical Legal Conference on “Law, Space and the Political”, University of Wrocław, Faculty of Law, Administration and Economics, 3–5 September 2015

On 3–5 September 2015 the University of Wrocław Faculty of Law, Administration and Economics hosted the 30th Critical Legal Conference, convened by Professor Adam Sulikowski (University of Wrocław and University of Opole), Dr Rafał Mańko (University of Amsterdam) and Mgr. Jakub Łakomy (University of Wrocław). The Critical Legal Conference is an annual gathering of critical and radical legal scholars from all over the world. It was inaugurated in 1986 at the University of Kent (UK). Since then, the CLC has been held every year, mainly in the UK, but also in South Africa, India, Finland, Ireland, Sweden and the Netherlands. The most recent conferences took place at the University of Utrecht, the Netherlands (2010), University Aberystwyth, UK (2011), the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, Sweden (2012), Queen Mary University in Belfast, Northern Ireland (2013), ¹ and at the University of Sussex, Brighton, UK (2014).² This year, for the first time in its history, the Critical Legal Conference crossed the frontier of the former Iron Curtain and took place in a country of the former Soviet bloc. The theme of this year’s conference Law, Space and the Political referred to the troubled history of Central and Eastern Europe and current challenges posed by the ongoing crisis.

The CLC is traditionally organized around a theme, but the Conference is highly decentralised and its leitmotiv is interpreted in various ways in the form of “streams”. The streams have an autonomous character and the conveners of particular streams are responsible for their organization. Apart from parallel streams there are also plenary sessions. This year, there were 5 plenary sessions, 22 parallel streams, one round table discussion, a workshop for PhD candidates, and a dance workshop.

The first plenary session took place on 3 September in the historical baroque interiors of the 18th-century Aula Leopoldina. The conference was opened by the Dean of the Faculty