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INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE: “SOCIETY AGAINST TERRORISM”

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On 23 and 24 October 2014, the Faculty of Law of the Pan-European University, Bratislava, had the opportunity to host the International Scientific Conference “Society against terrorism”. The conference itself was preceded by ceremonial session of the Scientific Board of the Pan-European University on the occasion of awarding of the honorary title of Doctor Honoris Causa to **Karl von Habsburg – Lothringen**. The international scientific conference was held under the patronage of the Dean of the Faculty of Law of the Pan-European University, prof. JUDr. **Jaroslav Ivor**, DrSc. Besides welcoming all the participants, prof. **Ivor** focused his opening speech on the main objectives of the conference, which were to critically identify and summarise the most important and crucial aspects of the global phenomenon of terrorism.

The international scientific conference was attended not only by the local Slovak participants, but also by foreign participants, notably from Czech Republic, Poland and Russian Federation. The working languages of the Conference were Slovak, Czech and Russian. The contributions of participants covered vast range of critical aspects regarding the global phenomenon of terrorism and its immediate or consequential impact on society. These important aspects were covered on the extensive scale and from various scientific and expert points of view. Many contributions revolved around the domestic, European and international legal aspects and implications of terrorism. Hugely represented were also studies oriented on economic, political, historical or psychological view at the phenomenon.

Contributions presented during the conference may be divided into specific groups according to the prevailing aspects of their subject matter. The first group of contributions focused mainly on the general matters accompanying the

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term terrorism in our legal and political environment, e. g. the definition of terrorism itself, its historical and current manifestations or aspects, investigation of terrorism as an illegal action and offence, or methods of its detection. To this specific group we may include contributions presented by doc. PhDr. **Marian Brzybohatý**, PhD. (The Concept and the Causes of Terrorism); prof. PhDr. **Adolf Novotný**, DrSc. (The World and Terrorism); doc. **Karol Murdza**, PhD. (The Violent Radicalisation – Open Door to Terrorism); doc. **Artur Ataev** (The Social Base of Terrorism in the Basis of Modern Jihadism); Dr.h.c. prof. Ing. **Marián Mesároš**, DrSc. (Harmonisation of Real and Potential Threats of Terrorism in the International Range), doc. JUDr. **Vladimír Zoubek**, CSc., LL.M., MBA and doc. JUDr. **Ivana Zoubková**, CSc. [Selected Aspects of Terrorism (from a National Perspective and Pan-European View)]; prof. Ing. **Miroslav Kelemen**, PhD. (Security and Legal Aspects of ‘Counterterrorism operation’ in Eastern Ukraine – National or International Armed Conflict?); JUDr. Ing. **Anna Ďurfina**, PhD. (The Issue of the Definition of Terrorism in an International Legislation); Mgr. **Ľuboš Žárský** (The Influence of Terrorism on Western Political Systems); JUDr. **Miloš Svrček**, PhD. (The Importance of Legal and Institutional Means applied in the Fight against Terrorism by the United Nations); Ing. **Peter Lošonczi**, PhD. (Slovakia and its Response to International Terrorism); PhD. **Ekaterina Marmilova**, M.S.P.C. (Legal Aspects of the Fight against Terrorism in the Russian Federation); JUDr. **Lucia Laciaková**, JUDr. **Eva Viktória Malíková** (Terrorism and Organised Crime in the 21st Century); prof. JUDr. Ing. **Viktor Porada**, DrSc., doc. JUDr. **Sergej Romža**, PhD. (Structure and Methodology of Detecting and Investigating Acts of Terrorism); prof. JUDr. **Jozef Záhora**, PhD. (Special Investigation Techniques for the Detection and Investigation of Act of Terrorism versus Protection of Human Rights); doc. JUDr. **Lucia Kurilovská**, PhD. (Criminalistics as Part of the Fight against Terrorism); Doc. JUDr. **Peter Polák**, PhD., Mgr. **Ondrej Kubík**, PhD. (Psychological and Legal Aspects of Forbidden Investigating Techniques of Terrorism); doc. JUDr. **Jaroslav Klátik**, PhD. (Legislation on Combating Terrorism in the Slovak Republic); JUDr. **Juraj Tittl** (Current Problems Concerning the Demonstration of the Subjective Aspect of the Criminal Offence of Terrorism); prof. JUDr. **Jaroslav Ivor**, DrSc., JUDr. **Eva Viktória Malíková** (Pre-charge Detention of Terrorism Suspects as a Part of Counter-terrorism Legislation of Selected Countries); **Piotr Milik**, PhD. (The Legality of Shooting Down Hijacked Civilian Airplane with the Passengers on Board); JUDr. **Dominik Škohel** (Position of the European Union in the Fight

against Terrorism); Dr. et JUDr. **Libor Klimek**, PhD. (European Arrest Warrant as European Union's response in the Fight against Terrorism); Mgr. et. Mgr. **Lilla Garayová** (Torture as a Just Means of Preventing Terrorism); JUDr. **Patrik Rako** (National Security Protection and the Right to Fair Trial).

Broadly discussed were also the pressing issues of the funding of terrorism and possible interaction with the elements of organised crime, requirements and needs of the victims of its public display, and numerous other connected issues. These issues were mainly covered by entries of prof. Ing. **Jozef Stieranka**, PhD. (Protection against Terrorism Financing in the Slovak Republic); JUDr. Michal Marko (Terrorism and its Financing), JUDr. Ing. Ladislav Majerník (Council of Europe Standards in Countering of Financing of Terrorism (MONEYVAL)); Mgr. Rastislav Kováč (Current Terrorism Trends: 'Foreign Fighters' and 'Lone Actors'); ThDr. Kamila Veverková, Th.D. (Religious Terrorism and its Manifestations in the Present); JUDr. Tatiana Siranko Kanáliková, PhD. (Status and Needs of the Victims of Terrorism).

Due to their multi-disciplinary and specific approach, the contributions presented at the conference offered significant and (in terms of variety of the views) rather complex input to modern inter-disciplinary comprehension of terrorism as a global phenomenon.

Following the international scientific conference, its proceedings were published in IVOR, J. (ed.): *Spoločnosť proti terorizmu: zborník príspevkov z medzinárodnej vedeckej konferencie*. Plzeň: Aleš Čeněk, 2014. 469 pp. ISBN 978-80-7380-546-3. This publication could be considered a proper enrichment of the existing scientific material on the subject, also accessible to non-specialists with the interest in deeper understanding of terrorism, its causes, consequences and overall nature.