

Eurel Conference 2014 Religion in floating territories Lublin, Poland, 23-24 October 2014

This international conference is jointly organized by the <u>Eurel</u> network of sociologists and legal scholars of religion (project of the research centre <u>DRES</u> in partnership with *GSRL*), and the <u>Department of Law on Religion</u> (*Faculty of Law, Canon Law and Administration*), John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin.

Eurel is both an important information resource created by leading sociologists and legal scholars in the field of religion, and a network of such scholars. After the success of the first <u>Eurel conference 2012 (Manchester)</u>, Eurel is this time again taking advantage of its biennial meeting to organise an international conference open to interested researchers active in these fields. This meeting will take place October 23^d and 24th, 2014, as a 1.5-day event.

The substantive focus of the conference 2012 has been *Religion and Territory*. On this occasion, we decided to pursue the same theme during a second meeting. Europe is currently experiencing a growing religious diversity, as well as important changes in the place taken by religions. Combined together, the dynamics of secularisation, immigration, and growth of some religious groups, create a new situation providing social and institutional challenges, with responses differing greatly both across Europe and at various levels of government within countries. Countries themselves are changing entities. Taking the angle of "territory" therefore seems a relevant approach for many of the topics encountered nowadays when discussing religion. The conference will take place at John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, which can be reached by plane directly to <u>Airport Lublin</u>, or to <u>Warsaw</u> and then train or bus to Lublin (estimated time 2 hours).

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