

Abstract for the general public

Sharia and human rights – Muslims in the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights and the Court of Justice of the European Union

Sharia is the law which regulates the life of Muslims. The name is derived from the word *shari'a* meaning a path laid down by law. Sharia binds all Muslims but differentiates in certain respects (especially gender) between their rights and obligations. Islam is a total system without a clear distinction between the *sacrum* and *profanum* spheres.

The project's main objective is to examine the similarities and differences between Islamic law and systems of human rights protection – universal and European. The relevance and topicality of the undertaken research problem result from the increasing number of Muslims in Europe. As a result, issues concerning them, such as ritual slaughter, the possibility of wearing the hijab, divorce proceedings, and the division of property of a deceased Muslim, are increasingly becoming the subject of rulings by the European Court of Human Rights and the Court of Justice of the European Union.

During the preliminary research, a research gap was identified, which will be filled with the results of the planned research. The most important material effect of the project will be the publication of articles in peer-reviewed scientific journals in accordance with the open access policy. The data acquired as part of the research will significantly contribute to the prepared dissertation. Furthermore, the research results will be presented at international scientific conferences.