



# Research in legal dogmatics, public law history, and comparative studies of ecclesiastical law



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Reformed Church in Hungary, Faculty of Law  
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**May 12, 2026 (Tuesday)**



**Venue: Károlyi–Csekönics Palace, Csekönics Hall  
(1088 Budapest, Múzeum Street 17)**



**9:00 AM–5:00 PM  
Registration 8:30–9:00 AM**



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# PROGRAM



**9:00 - 10:30**

Lecture for PhD Students

**Prof. Dr. C. (Leon) VAN DEN BROEKE**

(Theologische Universiteit Utrecht): Protestantism and Law

**10:30 - 11:00**

Welcome coffee

**11:00 - 11:15**

Welcome

**Dr. habil. Szilvia KÖBEL** associate professor, leader of the project

## I. SECTION

**11:15 - 12:45**

Chair: **Dr. Zoltán ORMÓSHEGYI**

**Prof. Dr. C. (Leon) VAN DEN BROEKE**

(Theologische Universiteit Utrecht):

Comparative Reformed Church Polity

**Dr. habil. Szilvia KÖBEL** associate professor (KRE ÁJK):

The Concept of Religion

**Dr. Zsombor ERCSEY** PhD associate professor (KRE ÁJK):

*Models of Church Finance: A Comparative Study*

### *Discussion*

**12:45 - 13:30**

Lunch

## II. SECTION



13:30 - 15:00

Chair: **Dr. Zsombor ERCSEY**

**Dr. Zoltán ORMÓSHEGYI PhD research fellow (KRE ÁJK):**

*The Hungarian 'Martin Niemöller' István Bán's struggle against dictatorship.*

**Dr. Péter NAGY PhD associate professor (KRE ÁJK):**

*Reformed legal scholars in the Hungarian Ministry of Justice:  
the work of Béla Szászy and István Szászy*

**Rev. Matthew J. van Maastricht**

**(external PhD candidate at the Theologische Universiteit Utrecht):**

*Between Independency and Hierarchicalism: the Synodical Phenomenon in the Reformed Tradition*

### Discussion

15:00 - 15:15

Coffee break

## III. SECTION

15:15 - 16:45

Chair: **Dr. Péter Nagy**

**dr. Loránd Lajos BALÓ lawyer (former student of KRE ÁJK):**

*The Normative Foundations of Religious Freedom in the Unitarian Church and the Framework of Its International Cooperation within the IARF*

**Bálint Domonkos DOBOS law student (KRE ÁJK):**

*"The Legal Status of Hungarian Reformed Congregations on the West Coast of the United States"*

**Marcell BODORKÓS law student (KRE ÁJK):**

*The realisation of children's freedom of religion in schools  
– The role of child participation models in the effective realisation of rights*

### Discussion

16:45 - 17:00

Closing Remarks:

**Prof. Dr. C. (Leon) VAN DEN BROEKE**