

CTCL-SYMPOSIUM 2023
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Universal Ecclesiastical Power – Canonical Perspectives and Theological Fundaments



-Programme-

Pope Francis speaks in *Evangelii Gaudium* 16 “of the need to promote a sound ‘decentralization’” mirrored in the newly promulgated Constitution for the Roman Curia and the importance of the Dicastery for Evangelisation for the life of the Church (*Praedicate Evangelium*, Art. 53-58). At the same time, the church in our times is characterised by an abuse of power ultimately leading to a Synodal Pathway that will culminate in a Synod of Bishops on “Communion, Participation, and Mission” in autumn 2023. An important question surrounding these events that this symposium takes as a hypothesis lies in the right understanding of power as such in the Church.

But how do we need to understand power in an ecclesiastical context? How is it reflected in various areas of both the Latin and Eastern Code of Canon Law? Which questions and challenges arise from a theological, historical, and ecumenical perspective?

For further information and participation (zoom link), please send an e-mail to symposium@ctcl-center.com or sign up at [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).

Programme:

1:50pm-2:00pm (GMT)	Welcome & Introduction
Stephan Hecht	What is the CTCL? Where could it go?
2:00pm-2:20pm (GMT)	Keynote Lecture
Prof. David d'Avray (FBA) <i>Jesus College, Oxford University</i>	Papal Jurisprudence in the Canon Law Tradition
2:30pm-4:30pm (GMT)	1st Session – Fundamental-Canonistic and Historic-Canonistic Approaches
Jack Bull <i>King's College, London</i>	Three was the magic number: A study of the three-fold hierarchy in the first and second century and the centralization of power among clerics
Aloysius Atkinson <i>St. John's College, Oxford</i>	Roman canons in the seventh century: integral for barbarian catholicity?
Joseph Roberts <i>Nashotah House Theological Seminary, Wisconsin</i>	Ecumenical Nominalism
Stephan Hecht <i>Fordham University, London</i>	Canon Law and Spiritual Vulnerability – A Thomistic-Suárezian perspective
4:30pm-4:45pm	Break

4:45pm-6:15pm (GMT)	2nd Session – Canonical Perspective
M.J. Jesu Pudumai Doss <i>St.Paul University, Ottawa</i>	The Power of Religious Superiors: Canonical Aspects, Changes & Challenges
Ioannis Kastanas <i>University of Nicosia</i>	Ecclesiastical economy (economia) as expression of Ecclesiastical Power
Jens Van Rompaey <i>KU Leuven</i>	A Power Struggle Between the Curia and the Synod of Bishops: Who Has the Right to Interpret a Synod?
6:15pm-6:30pm (GMT)	Concluding Remarks