



Munich, March 2014

Dear Colleagues,

Lawyers of all occupational groups from all walks of life and educational backgrounds, from students to retirees to members of related professions, are cordially invited irrespective of denominational affiliation to

Congress „Truth“

16th to 18th May 2014

Kardinal-Wendel-Haus, Mandlstraße 23, Munich, Germany, 80802

kindly supported by the Archdiocese of Munich and Freising and the German Evangelical Alliance.

This conference is meant to make room for reflection about the importance of truth for us personally as members of various legal professions. To that end, the procedural limitations and conflicts of judicial life will be considered, experiences and recommendations will be shared and the claim of truthfulness that participants measure themselves by will be illuminated. Above all, we want to challenge ourselves to question our professional understanding, routines and our long-held beliefs.

The conference will also deal with the way our society handles truth, which is often perceived as careless. The topics will be brought to us from a philosophical, theological and legal point of view by high-profile speakers. Lectures, workshops and exchanges beyond the limits of one's own professional group are meant to give us fresh impetus to again empower the truth both in our professional lives and in society.

More information about the conference and on how to participate will be available on the following pages or on our website www.christ-jurist.de/kongress.

We would be very pleased to welcome you in May in Munich.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Patrick Menges

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Preliminary Program

Friday, May 16, 2014

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| starting from 4:00 p.m. | Registration of the Participants at the Congress Office

Contact persons of the various “Christ und Jurist” regional groups are available for questions |
| starting from 4:15 p.m. | Guided walks in small groups through Schwabing and the English Garden (optional; starting continuously as needed) |
| 6:00 p.m. | Supper |
| 7:30 p.m. | Inaugural Speech

Dr. Patrick Menges
Chairman of the association “Christ und Jurist”

Introduction to the Congress Topic

Prof. Dr. Winfried Bausback
Minister of Justice of the Free State of Bavaria

Dr. Johannes Friedrich
Former Bishop of the Lutheran Church in Bavaria
Patron of the Congress

Brent McBurney
Advocates International

Johannes Singhammer
Vice-President of the German Bundestag
Patron of the Congress |
| starting from ca. 10:15 p.m. | Late Night Café |

Saturday, May 17, 2014

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| 8:30 a.m. | Devotion |
| 9:30 a.m. | Truth and Justice in Terms of Philosophy

Prof. Dr. Dr. Daniel von Wachter
Professor of Philosophy and Director of the International Academy for Philosophy of the Principality of Liechtenstein |
| 10:30 a.m. | Break |
| 10:50 a.m. | “Truth” in Terms of a Procedural Law Perspective

Prof. Dr. Hanns Prütting
Professor of German and Foreign Civil Law and Law of Civil Procedure at the University of Cologne, Director of the Institutes for Procedural Law and for the Law of Legal Profession as well as for Euro- |

	pean and International Insolvency Law
11:50 a.m.	Workshop A – “Truth” in Everyday Work Life
1:00 p.m.	Communal Lunch
2:15 p.m.	Prof. Dr. Anna Leisner-Egensperger Professor of Public Law and Tax Law at the University of Jena
	“What is truth?” – a question of Constitutional rank. Truth in the State. Truth of the State.
3:05 p.m.	The “Truth” of the Christians: Jesus Christ
	Prof. Dr. Bertram Stubenrauch Professor for dogma and ecumenical theology and Director of the Ecumenical Research Institute, Faculty of Catholic Theology, University of Munich
3:50 p.m.	Break
4:10 p.m.	Panel Discussion with Keynote Speakers
5:00 p.m.	Workshop B – Topic “Truth”
6:30 p.m.	Optional Attendance of Evening Mass in the Chapel
starting from 7:00 p.m.	Communal Supper
8:15 p.m.	Evening Program
	Andrew & Loulou with Dr. Jörg Müller
	On behalf of the people! seeking the truth
	A satirical view on the psychology of communication
9:30 p.m.	Encounter God Prayer and Worship
parallel	Late Night Café
Sunday, May 18, 2014	
9:30 a.m.	Ecumenical Worship Service Sermon: Dirk Langner, attorney at law
11:00 a.m.	Invitation to Share Experiences
11:45 a.m.	Concluding Panel Discussion on Open Questions and Practical Solutions
1:00 p.m.	Lunch (optional)
	Departure

Practical Information

If possible, please register online under www.christ-jurist.de/kongress. Alternatively you can register by letter or by fax (+49 69 173 094 299) using this form:

Personal Information

First name *: _____
 Last name *: _____
 Title (PhD, Professor...): _____
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 Company/Organization: _____
 Key area of profession: _____
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* These details are required as a necessary in order to process your registration.

Services

Included in the conference fee are conference participation, as well as all meals (Welcome snack on Friday evening, lunch, coffee and dinner on Saturday, lunch on Sunday)

I prefer vegetarian meals.

Conference fee

Conference fee for one participant:

Early bird discount (until 31-Jan-2014):

Standard fee	€ 179.00
International guests	€ 139.00
Reduced (Students, Apprentices, Job seekers)	€ 99.00

Later bookings (after 31-Jan-2014):

Standard fee	€ 209.00
International guests	€ 179.00
Reduced (Students, Apprentices, Job seekers)	€ 129.00

Participation should not be limited due to financial reasons. Therefore, in the case of special circumstances, we can offer further reductions and sponsorships on an individual basis. Applicants and sponsors may contact us at kongresspaten@christ-jurist.de.

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Payment conditions

Registration is completed upon receipt of payment. The early bird discount is effective only if registration and payment are received by January 31, 2014. If the participant wishes to cancel the registration before January 31, 2014, the cancellation fee is € 25. From February 1, 2014 on the cancellation fee is 25% of the respective fee, from May 1, 2014 on 75% of the respective fee. Your registration will be confirmed only by an automatic e-mail. The conference fee is exempt from VAT.

Options**Workshop A – Truth in Everyday Work Life ***

- 1 Judiciary
- 2 Advocates and law firms
- 3 Business and in-house lawyers
- 4 Administration and Civil Service
- 5 ~~Research and teaching~~
- 6 U30 (Students and junior lawyers): Being a Christian Lawyer – Mission Impossible? **
- 7 Media, Public Relation, Politics
- 8 Transformation by Truth – Juvenile Prison in Free Forms (English)

Workshops B – Topic „Truth“ *

- 1 Bargains in Criminal Cases
- 2 Mediation and Truth
- 3 New Media – a Contribution to Ascertaining Truth?
- 4 Truth and Rule of Law (English)
- 5 Reason and Truth - Further reflections on Philosophical Perspectives
- 6 Right and Truth - Further reflections on Jurisprudential Perspectives
- 7 God and Truth - Further reflections on Theological Perspectives
- 8 Truth and Reconciliation - The Relevance of Truth Commission (English)
- 9 ~~Transformation by Truth – Juvenile Prison in Free Forms (English)~~

* Unless otherwise noted, the workshops are conducted in German.

** Workshop A6: My question to a practicing Christian lawyer. The questions shall form part of a panel discussion. Students and junior lawyers are especially invited to raise their questions here.

Childcare

During the events in the plenary sessions and in the workshops childcare is available for children ages 3 to 12. If you wish to make use of this offer, please provide the following information for each child separately:

Name of the child: _____

Age of the child: _____

Sex (male/female): _____

Accommodation

Our participants are requested to take care of their own accommodation. The following hotels have reserved a number of rooms for reduced prices (please ask for "Christ und Jurist"):

The [Mercure Hotel Muenchen Schwabing](#) (double room € 52.50 per person and night) is located at Leopoldstr. 120. The underground station Dietlindenstrasse is 450 meters away from the hotel. The walking distance to Kardinal-Wendel-Haus is 1.0 km. Rates might be higher since March 10, 2014!

The [Fleming's Hotel Muenchen Schwabing](#) (double room € 67.00 per person and night, single room € 97.00) is located at Leopoldstr. 130-132. The underground station Dietlindenstrasse is 400 meters away from the hotel. The walking distance to Kardinal-Wendel-Haus is 1.2 km. Rates might be higher since March 10, 2014!

The [YMCA Youth Hotel](#) (double/triple room € 24 - 26 per person and night) is located within walking distance of 750 meters from Munich Central Station at Landwehrstr. 13. Using the underground U3 or U6 from Sendlinger Tor station the ride to Kardinal-Wendel-Haus takes 19 minutes. The shortest walk is 3.9 km (49 min) or 4.2 km (52 minutes) through the scenic English Garden.

We can also attempt to arrange for **free private accommodation**. Please enquire at uebernachtungsboerse@christ-jurist.de.

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I am looking for a ride.

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Suggestions
Cooperation
Donations**

Comments, suggestions, offers to cooperate and donations are very welcome. For donations, please feel free to ask for the issuing of a tax receipt. We look forward to meeting you!

Congress language	<input type="checkbox"/> I wish to be included in the mailing list to receive regular announcements, invitations and news from "Christ und Jurist" (mostly in German).
Conference venue	The official language for the congress will be German. For the keynote speeches and all plenary sessions, however, a simultaneous translation into English will be available (headsets are provided). Some workshops are conducted in English (as specifically stated; all other workshops are held in German).
Hosted by	Kardinal-Wendel-Haus, Mandlstraße 23, 80802 München (only as long as the congress is in progress)
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Editorial note	The program reflects the present state of affairs and is subject to alterations. Information about the congress is regularly updated on the website www.christ-jurist.de/kongress . Please inform yourself additionally there. Thank you!

I wish to submit a binding registration to the Christ und Jurist Congress "Truth" that takes place from May 16th to 18th, 2014. I confirm that I have carefully read the above written information and the terms of participation. The registration comes into operation with receipt of payment. The early bird discount is effective only if registration and payment are received by January 31, 2014. If the participant wishes to cancel the registration before January 31, 2014, the cancellation fee is € 25. From February 1, 2014 on the cancellation fee is 25% of the respective fee, from May 1, 2014 on 75% of the respective fee. Your registration will be confirmed only by an automatic e-mail. The conference fee is exempt from VAT.

 Place / Date

 Signature

Messages

**Dr. Johannes Friedrich**

formerly Bishop of the Lutheran Church in Bavaria
Patron of the Congress

"What is truth?" This is one of the most famous questions in world history. The senior official in Roman Judaea, Pontius Pilate, asks Jesus this question when he stated that, "the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth." (John 18:37).

Ever since, people have been unable to avoid this question. Christians in particular have always felt compelled to find an answer. Is it truth when being persecuted I betray the hiding spot of my Christian brethren in a situation of persecution because I'm being pressured to tell the truth? Or is there no Christian truth that can harm other people?

The Eighth Commandment does not say to speak the truth, but "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor," and Luther has rightly interpreted this as: "We should fear and love God enough that we do not deceive, betray and slander our neighbor or ruin his reputation, but instead we should defend him, speak well of him, and turn everything for the best."

The topic of truth is thus very interesting. And I imagine that for lawyers who want to live as Christians, it is even more exciting than for others:

- May I as a Christian lawyer exploit a knowledge advantage over my negotiating partner?
- May I as a Christian make claims during a trial that would favor my client, even if I know that the legal facts are different?

You all can certainly name many more examples from your professional life. We want to be followers of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has come into the world as a witness for truth. How should we then try to live?

I think it is fantastic that "Christ und Jurist" has chosen this topic for its next conference, and I will gladly serve as patron and participate in the conference. I look forward to many fruitful discussions with you during these days and will ask God to bless the preparation and execution of the conference.

Dr. Johannes Friedrich



Reinhard Kardinal Marx
Archbishop of Munich and Freising

During their education, lawyers learn that according to the code of procedure, truth means the accordance of facts and statements.

This seemingly simple combination then reveals itself as being highly in need of exposition, and even the obligation to the truth may find its limits.

And so lawyers learn that there is a forensic truth, that the law distinguishes between truth and conviction, and that realistically the law is satisfied with the conviction. A legal textbook pointedly remarked that the judge would be overwhelmed, were his task not just to seek the truth, but to find it.

With Christ & Jurist e.V. engaging the topic of truth in this conference, another aspect – and challenge – beyond the purely legal perspective is added, namely to find deep impulses to further the understanding of the meaning of truth through the Christian faith.

The problem with truth is rooted in the fact that man cannot rely on himself, not on his mind or strength, nor on his environment. In order to preserve his life, he needs to seek a foundation to build on. Therefore it is not surprising that the Hebrew word for truth, *emet*, means „firm“, „valid“, „binding“, and that with it the Old Testament qualifies God as the true God.

Today, the meaning of truth, be it understood legally, philosophically, theologically or in an everyday sense, still has not been fully clarified, and further personal reflection on this topic is needed. Therefore, I as the Archbishop of Munich and Freising am glad to welcome Christ & Jurist in the Kardinal-Wendel-Haus in Munich, as they will engage these questions in their conference.

I wish you a deeply stimulating conference with good encounters and impulses that will leave an impression upon your professional life.

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Reinhard Kardinal Marx



Prof. Dr. Winfried Bausback

Member of the Bavarian Parliament

Minister of Justice of the Free State of Bavaria

Only to serve truth and justice is what German judges swear at the beginning of their terms – a seemingly clear guideline. But the search for truth in the courtroom has limits. For example, the defendant, and also a witness in certain conflict situations, is allowed to remain silent; an illegally obtained piece of evidence may possibly not be utilized in the judgment; or the court is confronted with two contradictory, but equally credible statements. From time to time, a court of law cannot discern what exactly transpired during the event in question; judicial rules then decide to whose disadvantage this will be.

This seems less than satisfactory – but it is also the very essence of our rule of law that not all means are acceptable for the sake of truth, that the fundamental rights of defendants, parties and witnesses in certain cases do and must take precedence.

And, of course, judges also remain people on their fallible quest for truth – unlike the omniscient and all-powerful God of our Christian faith – with many obstacles and uncertainties hindering their search. Nevertheless, or perhaps because of this, the intent of proper administration of law is to seek out the truth with all our might in each individual case.

I am sure that your conference on this exciting topic will bear many interesting and fruitful discussions, and I wish you all a joyous and successful event.

Prof. Dr. Winfried Bausback



Johannes Singhammer MP,
Vice President of the German Bundestag
Patron of the Congress

Jurisdiction always includes finding the truth. But what is truth? Is there a binding, legally objectifiable truth? Don't we have to consider both sides of the coin to find the truth? And is the truth of yesterday also the truth of tomorrow – or does truth change with time, as is suggested by the jurisdiction of the German constitutional court?

These are some unanswered questions that are worth being discussed among lawyers. And as part of this discussion, the convention held by „Christ + Jurist“ seeks to connect two seemingly irreconcilable areas: the world of legal truth and evidence, and the world of faith. Yet one would be unthinkable without the other. For it was the Judeo-Christian foundation, in faith and values, that made Europe what we are now proud of: a continent of truth, justice, and freedom.

„Law does not equal justice“ - a common, yet overly simplistic statement, for I contend that without justice, there can be no universally accepted law, and on the other hand, without positive law, no one can effectively demand justice.

However, in the end, truth can't be grasped in a final sense. Therefore the tension for lawyers in their everyday life remains to nonetheless find truth and judge accordingly. The goal of this convention is to address the problems that arise from this tension with both a scientific and philosophical outlook. Therefore I'm looking forward to helpful content and discussions that will aid us as Christians in our daily striving for truth.

Being a parliamentarian representative from Munich, let me also welcome you warmly to Munich!

Johannes Singhammer



Volker Kauder MP,

chairman of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group in the German Bundestag

For your conference this year in Munich I am sending you a warm welcome, both personally and in the name of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group in the Bundestag.

As you engage the topic of "truth", your conference is dealing with a subject that is of great importance, be it philosophically, legally, or theologically. At the same time, we have to acknowledge that the theological certainty, which is expressed in the Gospel of John through the words of Jesus "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (John 14:6), hence the certainty of the one true way, does not exist in politics. It is self-evident that politicians are obliged to their voters to be truthful. Through making political mandates temporary, democratic systems have a mechanism of self-regulation. For untruthful assertions would sooner or later lead to the end of a political career.

However, if one is looking for insights into absolute truth or the implementation of it, politics is not the right place. For politics always begins with perceiving reality, and quite often, reality is far more complex than it seems at first glance. Rarely there is only the one true way. Often, perceptions of what is real differ in the first place, depending on the different perspectives. And the consequences of political decisions cannot always be foreseen with certainty. Additionally, there is the necessity of making political compromises.

Politics needs more than truth: it needs veracity. Voters rightfully demand that politicians stick to their convictions and fight for them. For the Christian Democratic Party, this means that the Christian anthropology is and will remain the guideline for political decisions. In it, belief in the freedom of man is combined with scepticism towards large-scale ideological projections. Veracity also means stating uncomfortable facts, even when this is politically inopportune. For the truth is always correct. For me, this includes stating repeatedly that abortion is injustice, and not accepting the status quo. Or another example: when I am travelling to other nations, it is my concern to point out the situation of persecuted Christians, even though the hosts may not want to hear about it.

Finally, as Christians we know that "truth" has a further dimension – namely that we have been set free through Jesus Christ, who is the God incarnate. Through faith in Him we have access to the true God, He is the truth. With this confidence we can tackle the challenges in our lives, our work, and in politics.

I wish you interesting and fruitful discussions, and a good and successful conference.

Volker Kauder

About Christ + Jurist

"Christ und Jurist" is an interdenominational network of legal practitioners that brings together about 1000 Christian lawyers, judges and law students who live out their faith in their profession.

It was founded in 1997 by a group of law students and since that time weekend conferences have been held twice a year dealing with spiritual and legal topics with contribution from well known speakers. Among these topics were, for example, "Christian perspectives on criminal defence" or "The influence of changing moral values on the legal system". Another topic was the Kingdom of God. In May 2012 the topic of justice was discussed during a large congress in Frankfurt/Main.

In 2014 "Christ und Jurist" will hold a conference on "Truth" (*Wahrheit*), to be held in Munich from May 16th to 18th. Jurisprudents of all occupational and denominational backgrounds are welcome to attend.

The conferences have been attended by participants from all Christian denominations. One of the challenges of the network is to create an atmosphere of love and acceptance between participants from the different churches, as well as between practitioners from the different legal professions. The main issue has always been to bring into harmony Christian faith and the exercise of the legal profession.

In addition to the half-yearly conferences, various regional groups hold meetings. Specific problems relating to faith and the legal profession are dealt with.

Until 2011 there was little publicity to the conferences because of a rather word of mouth advertising. 2012 the May conference on justice was the first one to be advertised publicly as a congress with the result that around 200 legal professionals attended. In anticipation of such a large public event "Christ und Jurist" had decided to found a non-profit-organization in 2010, with now around 60 members. Active membership requires voluntary participation in an area of work in the organization chosen by each member. There are different task forces such as the young professionals (for students), the international group, the public relations group or the group which prepares the worship services.

Since 2011 "Christ und Jurist" has been a member of Advocates International, a worldwide network of Christian lawyers. In May 2012 the President of Advocates Europe, Latcho Popov, attended the congress on justice as a key note speaker. The goal of "Christ und Jurist" is to become more integrated in the world wide community of Christian lawyers and to be a force for justice in the world.

We are happy to provide further information in English if you wish. Please send us a message using the contact form.