

Transatlantic Challenges in Law, Business & Policy

Conference Agenda

US-CEE Connection Weekend 4th Edition

Collegium Novum, UJ, Kraków

June 12–13, 2026

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Friday, June 12

Pre-conference events

9:00–10:00 Main Aula Foyer & 2nd Floor Foyer
Registration & Welcoming Coffee

8:30–09:30 Main Aula (1st Floor)
CUA-UJ American Law Program Gala

Main Program

10:00–10:25 Main Aula (1st Floor)

Opening & Welcome Remarks

- Łukasz Chyla, Program Director for US-CEE Connection Weekend
- Prof. Paweł Laidler, Vice-Rector for Educational Affairs, Jagiellonian University
- Prof. Piotr Dobosz, Dean, Faculty of Law and Administration of the Jagiellonian University
- Prof. Stephen Payne, Dean, Columbus School of Law, The Catholic University of America
- Prof. Christopher Ross, Director, CUA-UJ Programs

10:25–10:35 Main Aula (1st Floor)

Address by The Honorable Gretchen McKeever Cureton, U.S. Consul General in Kraków

10:35–11:35 Main Aula (1st Floor)

Opening Keynote Panel (Plenary Session) Poland at the G20

Under the patronage of Alvarez & Marsal and Greenberg Traurig

- Michał Bobrzyński, Partner, Greenberg Traurig, Poland
- Prof. Małgorzata Podrecka, Vice-President, Canpack S.A.
- Dr. Kamil Pruchnik, Senior Regional Representative for Poland, European Investment Fund
- Allegro Representative TBC
- Moderator: Krzysztof Maruniak, Senior Director, Alvarez & Marsal

11:40–12:50 Main Aula (1st Floor)

Panel 1 Compliance: Still Relevant in Changing Times?

- The Honorable Phyllis C. Borzi, Former Assistant Secretary for Employee Benefits Security, U.S. Department of Labor
- Tomasz Chmal, Partner, Trzeciak|Chmal
- Christopher D. Christian, Global Co-Chair, Financial Services Group, Dechert LLP
- Dawid Daniel Malinowski, Corporate Senior Associate, Bexley Beaumont
- Witold Strzelecki, Managing Director, Science & Business Poland
- Moderator: Prof. John Polanin, Catholic Law Board of Visitors

11:40–12:50 Room 52 (2nd Floor)

Panel 2 Storytelling Nation: How Poland's Sci-Fi and Fantasy Legacy Shaped a Global Video Game Powerhouse

- Michał Gembicki, Head of Publishing, Bloober Team
- Piotr Gnyp, Board of Directors, European Federation of Video Game Archives, Museums and Preservation projects
- Piotr Mańkowski, Project Manager, Creative Industries Institute
- Dr. Paweł Schreiber, Assistant Professor, Kazimierz Wielki University
- Moderator: Dominic Kisielewski, Senior Associate, Peak Legal

12:50–14:00 2nd Floor Foyer

Lunch break

14:00–15:10 Main Aula (1st Floor)

Panel 3 AI Without Borders: Can the US and EU Align on AI Regulation?

Under the patronage of Peak Legal

- J.C. Boggs, Partner, Kings & Spadling
- Lee Carosi Dunn, Catholic Law Board of Visitors
- Marcin Ledworowski, AI Leader & Senior Advisor, Financial Services Accenture Poland
- Prof. Alain Strowel, Professor, UCLouvain Saint-Louis Brussels University
- Dr. Małgorzata Wilińska, Counsel, Peak Legal
- Moderator: Anna Olszewska, Partner, Peak Legal

14:00–15:10 Room 52 (2nd Floor)

Panel 4 Poland+Texas. Why? And Why NOW?

Under the patronage of Polish-American Chamber of Commerce in Texas

- Prof. Jim Mazurkiewicz, Chairman, Polish-American Chamber of Commerce in Texas
- Fred Schmidt MBE, Partner, Capital Factory, Austin, Texas
- Bobby Gutierrez, Mayor, City of Bryan, Texas
- Artur Owczarski, Filmmaker, Author, Texas-Poland Relations

15:15–16:25 [Main Aula \(1st Floor\)](#)

Panel 5 (Plenary Session) The Transatlantic IPO Divide: Bridging the Gap Between the US and EU Capital Markets

- Jon S. Rand, Principal, Jon S. Rand LLC
- Prof. Jacek Jastrzębski, Chairman, The Polish Financial Supervision Authority (KNF)
- Elizabeth Lance, Assistant Chief Counsel, Investment Company Institute (ICI)
- Jakub Michalik, Chief Policy Officer, Euronext
- The Honorable Mark T. Uyeda, Commissioner, U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC)
- Moderator: Łukasz Chyla, Fulbright Poland

16:25–17:00 [2nd Floor Foyer](#)

Coffee break

17:00–17:30 [Main Aula \(1st Floor\)](#)

Keynotes (Plenary Session)

17:00–17:20 Polish-American Initiatives of The Kościuszko Mound Committee in Kraków

17:20–17:30 Presentation: City of Bryan, Texas

17:30–18:40 [Main Aula \(1st Floor\)](#)

Panel 6 (Plenary Session) Courts, Counsel, and Compromise: Comparative Perspectives on Civil Dispute Resolution

- Jennifer Gartlan, Lecturer, Catholic Law
- Att. Szymon Gostyński, Managing Partner, Gostynski & Partners
- Judge Agnieszka Owczarewicz, Regional Court in Warsaw
- Patrick M. Regan, Catholic Law Board of Visitors
- Vincenzo Senatore, Senior Partner, Giambrone & Partners
- Dr. Krzysztof Skawiańczyk, Partner, Skawiańczyk & Stanek
- Moderator: Prof. Leah Wortham, Professor Emerita of Law, Catholic Law

18:40–18:55 [Main Aula \(1st Floor\)](#)

1st day Closing & Thanks

19:00–22:00

Friday Reception for UJ-CUA Community & Program Supporters (by invitation)

Saturday, June 13

Pre-conference events

9:00–10:00 [Main Aula Foyer & 2nd Floor Foyer](#)

Registration & Welcoming Coffee

9:00–9:45 [Room 30 \(1st Floor\)](#)

CUA-UJ American Law Program Information Session

Dr. Wojciech Bańczyk, JU Head of the American Law Program, Jagiellonian University

9:00–9:45 [Room 52 \(2nd Floor\)](#)

Young Leaders Panel

Main Program

10:00–10:10 [Main Aula \(1st Floor\)](#)

Opening & Welcome Remarks

- Prof. Michał Kowalski, Vice-Dean for International Cooperation, Faculty of Law and Administration, Jagiellonian University
- Prof. Leah Wortham, Catholic Law Director of CUA-UJ Cooperative Programs

10:10–10:50 [Main Aula \(1st Floor\)](#)

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10:50–11:40 Main Aula (1st Floor)

Keynote Panel (Plenary Session) American Polonia as a Co-Architect of Poland's Global Presence

Under the patronage of The Kościuszko Mound Committee in Kraków

- Elwira Kelly, Senior Vice-President, Moog Inc.
- Prof. Jim Mazurkiewicz, Chairman, Polish-American Chamber of Commerce in Texas
- Fred Schmidt MBE, Partner, Capital Factory
- Beth Łachut Spiess, Strategic Aerospace & Defense Leader, Moog Inc.
- Moderator: Łukasz Chyla, Kościuszko Mound Committee

11:40–12:50 Main Aula (1st Floor)

Panel 7 (Plenary Session) Securing Europe's Future: Poland's Role in NATO and Transatlantic Defense

Under the patronage of The Kościuszko Mound Committee in Kraków

- Piotr Kocharński, Managing Partner, Kocharński & Partners
- Piotr Krawczyk, Former Head, Polish Foreign Intelligence Agency (Agencja Wywiadu)
- Beth Łachut Spiess, Strategic Aerospace & Defense Leader, Moog Inc.
- Tomasz Zakrzewski, Executive Director, Poland, RTX
- Jacek Zygmunt, Strategic Advisor, PONAR Wadowice S.A.
- Moderator: Mateusz Jurczyk, Branch Director, AmCham Poland

12:50–14:00 2nd Floor Foyer

Lunch break

14:00–15:10 Main Aula (1st Floor)

Panel 8 Reindustrializing Europe: Lessons from the United States on Competitiveness and Manufacturing

Under the patronage of AmCham Poland

- Weronika Duda, Counsel, Kocharński & Partners
- Sharayah Heidenhain, Political-Economic Officer, U.S. Consulate General in Kraków
- Elwira Kelly, Senior Vice-President, Moog Inc.
- Dr. Eng. Piotr Rosikowski, Technical & R&D Director, PONAR Wadowice S.A.
- Mariusz Wawer, Head of Governmental Relations, 3M CEE; AmCham Board Member
- Moderator: Mateusz Jurczyk, Branch Director, AmCham Poland

14:00–15:10 Room 52 (2nd Floor)

Panel 9 Transatlantic Perspectives on Sustainability

- Dr. Agnieszka Hajos-Iwańska, Of Counsel, B2RLaw
- Prof. Justyna Maciąg, Head, Public Management Department, Jagiellonian University
- Zofia Piwowarek, ESG Chapter Leader, Erste Bank
- Prof. Stanisław Rybicki, Cracow University of Technology; Kościuszko Mound Committee
- Prof. Piotr Szwedo, Head, Centre for Advanced Sustainability Studies, Jagiellonian University
- Moderator: Dr. Wojciech Bańczyk, JU Head of the American Law Program, Jagiellonian University

15:15–16:25 Main Aula (1st Floor)

Panel 10 (Plenary Session) Bridging the Chain: U.S.– EU Approaches to Blockchain and Digital Assets

- Jurand Drop, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Finance
- Maciej Kliś, Vice-President, Polish Development Bank (BGK)
- Artur Rudnicki, Director, JASPERS Office, European Investment Bank
- Adrian Whelan, Managing Director, Brown Brothers Harriman (BBH)
- Moderator: Prof. Jack Murphy, Director, Securities Law Program, Catholic Law

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