



II International Interdisciplinary Conference



One world – many cultures

Dialogue of cultures, civilisations, religions at the time of globalisation

27-28 October 2011

**Kujawy and Pomorze University (KPSW) in Bydgoszcz
and
Fondazione Vaticana Joseph Ratzinger - Benedetto XVI**

**are pleased to announce that
the International scientific conference will take place on the day of
the 25th anniversary of John Paul II meeting
with the representatives of different religions in Assisi on the 27 October 1986.**

The Conference will be held at the university, in the heart of Bydgoszcz, at 55-57, Toruńska Street. As an annual event, it was initiated in 2010 at Kujawy and Pomorze University (KPSW). This year's edition is meant as another episode in a series of meetings of scientists and scholars, devoted to intercultural dialogue and exchange of ideas concerning today's global problems. It refers to the mission of our university, which is the place where the truth is sought for, especially in the process of scientific cognition, believing that "Man remains above all a being who seeks the truth and strives to live in that truth, deepening his understanding of it through a dialogue which involves past and future generations" (*Centesimus annus*, 49). This year, the Conference will focus in particular on dialogue between faiths. Thus, appropriately, its date will fall on the 25th anniversary of John Paul II meeting in Assisi. The Conference aims to offer an opportunity for scientific reflection and intellectually deepened dialogue to a wide range of cultural experts, political scientists, sociologists, historians, theologians, educators, economists, media specialists and representatives of other fields of arts and sciences.

This time, the Conference is co-organized by The Joseph Ratzinger (Benedict XVI) Vatican Foundation (www.fondazioneratzinger.va/en_index.htm), whose aim is to promote knowledge, organize and support scientific and cultural congresses, and reward scientists for their outstanding achievements (publications and research). The participation of Joseph Ratzinger Foundation is not only an expression of cooperation with the University, but also a guarantee of a reasonable dimension in reflections on multiculturalism in the modern world. The conference is an invitation for everyone, regardless of their religion, to participate in a dialogue aimed at consensus. It intends to provide an opportunity to learn how a wide range of diverse human communities may coexist in an increasingly globalized world.

Sessions will be divided into the following panels:

- I. Dialogue of cultures, civilisations and religions
- II. Economy and its social environment
- III. Law and administration systems as confronted with the problems of contemporary world
- IV. Politics and media in international communication
- V. Pedagogy and education as confronted with the challenges of modern civilisation
- VI. Multicultural dialogue in the English speaking countries and in the Ibero & Ibero-American cultures
- VII. Students' panel: One world – many cultures

The official conference languages are Polish and English.

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