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# THE BEST OF THE WORST AND THE PERMANENTLY BAD. LIFE SENTENCED PRISONERS

NOVEMBER 18-19, 2021  
ONLINE

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*Dear Sirs,*

On behalf of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Policy of the Institute of Social Prevention and Resocialization at the University of Warsaw and the Center for Criminological Analysis of the University of Warsaw we would like to invite you to participate in the **International Scientific Conference "The best of the worst and the permanently bad. Life-sentenced prisoners"**, which will be held on **November 18 – 19, 2021 online** (Zoom platform).

Twenty-five years have passed since life imprisonment was introduced in Poland. Despite a quarter of a century of experience, questions still arise as to the nature and manner of carrying out this extreme punishment. Does it make sense to keep a person in isolation for 30, 40 years or more? What are the effects of this? Is it necessary for our security? The aim of the conference is to create a forum for discussion on practical problems related to the execution of life imprisonment, as well as to enable the presentation of the results of the latest research and exchange of experiences so far.

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the conference with the participation of outstanding guests, in an international circle. Among the speakers are eminent representatives of the scientific community and experts - including judges, court experts, prison officers, representatives of the Ombudsman's Office and the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights.

The conference is also an opportunity to share the latest results of scientific research on prisoners sentenced to life imprisonment in Poland, carried out at the Institute of Social Prevention and Resocialization of the University of Warsaw – "The best of the worst and the bad constantly. Prisoners for life" funded by the National Science Center.

If you are interested in participating in the Conference, please complete the registration form available [here](#).

We will be very pleased if you would like to participate in the event organized by us. We also encourage you to provide information about the conference to those who may be interested in it. Due to technical conditions, 300 people can participate in the event. The order of applications decides about participation in the Conference. The registration form will be active until November 15th. After this date, people registered, taking into account the reservation regarding the limit of participants of the event, will receive a link authorizing them to participate in the conference.

Participation in the conference is free of charge. During the entire event, we provide simultaneous translation between Polish and English. We do not provide online transmission or Conference recording.

Additional information can be obtained at: [lajfersi@uw.edu.pl](mailto:lajfersi@uw.edu.pl) and at [www.lajfersi.uw.edu.pl](http://www.lajfersi.uw.edu.pl)

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