

# XXXI FIDE Congress in Katowice

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**University of Silesia and City of Katowice**

on 28 – 31 May 2025

International Congress Centre in Katowice (brochure)


Sławika i Antalla 1

40-163 Katowice, Poland

## DRAFT PROGRAMME

[Working document – please note that sessions, events, their timing, and speakers are subject to change]  
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### Day 0, Wednesday 28 May 2025

<b>9.00-10.00</b>	Young FIDE Seminar Inaugurating Lecture by Professor <b>Eleanor Sharpston</b> : "Young Wolves Should Be Eager To Make Their Mark: Some Ideas and Suggestions from an Older Wolf"		Krajowa Rada Komornicza
<b>10.00–16.00</b>	Young FIDE Seminar sessions		
<b>19.00</b>	<i>Welcome reception (tbc)</i>		


Events scheduled for **Wednesday** will be taking place at **the Faculty of Law and Administration of the University of Silesia**, located at ul. Bankowa 11B, 40-007 Katowice, Poland. All other congress events detailed in this programme will be held at the **International Congress Centre in Katowice**, unless otherwise specified below. Please note that the Faculty of Law and Administration and the International Congress Centre are conveniently located within a 10-minute walking distance of each other.

### Day 1, Thursday 29 May 2025

<b>8.00</b>	registration		
<b>9.30–11.00</b>	<b>Opening Ceremony</b> auditorium <i>Koen Lenaerts, Michael McGrath, Marc van der Woude, Adam Szlapka, Maciej Szpunar and other speakers (tbc)</i>		
<b>11.00–11.30</b>	<i>coffee break</i>		
<b>11.30–13.15</b>	<b>"The Role of Courts in Democratic Societies"</b> Debates and Discussions – auditorium <i>Claire Bazy Malaurie, Adam Bodnar, Stephan Harbarth, Silvana Sciarra, Joseph Weiler Sacha Prechal (moderator)</i>		
<b>13.15–14.45</b>	<i>lunch break (standing lunch, buffet)</i>		
<b>14.45–16.00</b>	thematic sessions 1 – parallel meetings – Rooms A, B and C		
<b>16.00–16.30</b>	<i>coffee break</i>		
<b>16.30–17.45</b>	thematic sessions 2 – parallel meetings – Rooms A, B and C		
<b>20.00</b>	Gala dinner		

## Day 2, Friday 30 May 2025

<b>9.30–11.00</b>	thematic sessions 3 – parallel meetings – Rooms A, B and C
<b>11.00–11.30</b>	<i>coffee break</i>
<b>11.30–13.00</b>	thematic sessions 4 – parallel meetings – Rooms A, B and C
<b>13.00–14.30</b>	<i>lunch break (standing lunch, buffet)</i>
<b>14.30–16.00</b>	thematic sessions 5 – parallel meetings – Rooms A, B and C
<b>16.00–16.30</b>	<i>coffee break</i>
<b>16.30–18.00</b>	thematic sessions 6 – parallel meetings – Rooms A, B and C
<b>19.30</b>	Concert at Polish National Radio Symphony Orchestra and reception



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## Day 3, Saturday 31 May 2025

<b>9.00-11.30</b>	Discussions and Summaries – auditorium
<b>11.30-12.00</b>	<i>coffee break</i>
<b>12.00-13.00</b>	Closing Ceremony – auditorium

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