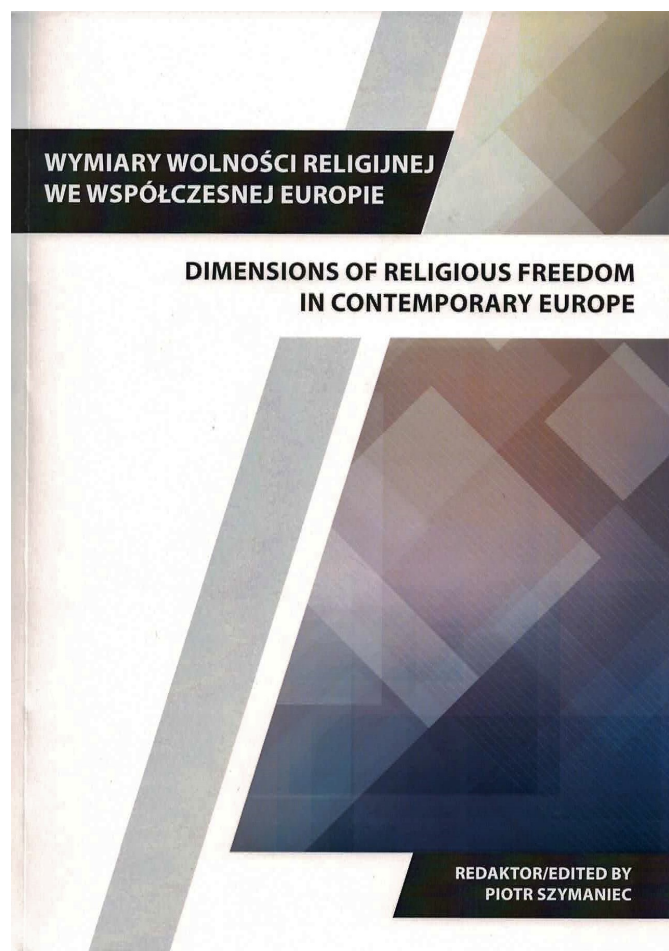


# NEW BOOK: Dimensions of Religious Freedom in Contemporary Europe



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## Preface

“Religious freedom, considered as an analytical category, is a subject of interest for scholars representing various disciplines. The dynamic, often turbulent transformations of the modern world, determined by the processes of globalization and Europeanisation, make it a crucial point of reference not only for legal, political, sociological and cultural analyses, but also for deepened philosophical and theological studies. The monograph *Dimensions of Religious Freedom in Contemporary Europe* is an integral part of this interdisciplinary perspective on the functioning of the complex social and political reality of Europe.

The structure of the book, which consists of six distinct parts, is the manifestation of interdisciplinary nature of the research on the subject. It contains the contributions of not only Polish specialists, but also Czech, Slovak, German, Ukrainian and Russian scholars, both the well-known members of academia of established position and young authors starting their careers. Moreover, the voices of representatives of international organizations and human rights associations complement the image of the analysed topic.

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