



International Conference

Development of Russian Law-VII: Law-Making and Law-Breaking in the Context of Securitization and Neo-conservatism

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Faculty of Law

University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland

Call for papers

In the light of recent event and current political situation, Russian law is facing a number of challenges. In Russian political discourse the law is being called upon to function as a major tool of securing new Russian political regime and neo-conservative ideology. While scholars debate whether this neo-conservative turn was (un)expected and how Putin's policies reflect Russia's exceptionality concepts, the State Duma has passed legislation which can also be used to curb political and societal activity and to illegalize actions and behaviour threatening to the regime. This active law-making creates challenges to the quality and cohesiveness of normative acts. Consequently, it may also result in law-breaking and advance the marginalization of such concepts as rule-of-law, human rights, and democracy.

The Faculty of Law of the University of Helsinki is pleased to announce the consecutive conference in Development of Russian Law, which will take place in Helsinki on October 20-21, 2014. This conference continues the series of workshops, seminars, and conferences in Russian law, organized by the Faculty of Law since 2008. This annual event is devoted to discussions of the new and important topics within the field of Russian law and legal studies.

The conference utilizes the bottom-up approach as to call for papers: Any topic within the sphere of Russian law which is considered important and/or crucial for the development of Russian law and legal studies by the applicant is welcome to be submitted as a proposal for conference participation. We especially encourage younger scholars and graduate students to apply. We also welcome legal researchers from across disciplines to join our discussions of Russian law. At the same time, we also encourage submission of individual papers and panel in the following themes:

- 1) Russian attitudes to international law in the context of "interests" and "security";
- 2) Russian law and politics of securitization in Russia;
- 3) Judicial system's reforms and the future of justice in Russia;
- 4) Neo-conservative policies and Russian law;
- 5) Law-making as a tool of control and ideologies of neo-positivism;
- 6) Protest movements and law-breaking as a challenge for the rule-of-law state;
- 7) Civil law and commercial law in the situation of sanctions.

The working language of the conference is English. All presentations and discussions are held in this language.

For individual paper submissions, please, include:

- Name;
- Affiliation;
- Contact information;
- Title of your talk;
- Abstract (200-400 words).

For session proposals, please, include:

- Title of your session;
- Organiser's name, affiliation and contact information;
- Session abstract (400 words);
- Each presenter's name, affiliation and contact information;
- Each presenter's title and abstract (100 words).

The proposals shall be sent to: katti-admin@helsinki.fi with the mention of Development of Russian Law-VII in the subject matter by September, 1st, 2014.

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