



## **International Conference**

### **Development of Russian Law-X:**

#### **Rule of Law Revisited: Applying Law in Russia and Beyond**

**20-21 November 2017**

**Faculty of Law**

**University of Helsinki, Helsinki, Finland**

#### **Call for papers**

Globalisation challenges many of the traditional assumptions about Domestic law, International law, their relationships, the ways in which it is created and the methods of its enforcement. Law has traditionally been the province of the nation state, whose courts and police enforce legal rules. By contrast, international law has been comparatively weak, with little effective enforcement powers. But globalization is changing the contours of law and creating new global legal institutions and norms. It also brings universal concepts such as rule-of-law and good governance to the national systems and local legal environments. As ‘rule-of-law’ has become part of the global political lexicon, its precise meaning has become increasingly opaque. There is an agreement with the principle that law should apply in equal measure to everyone, irrespective of wealth or political status, is generally accepted as the foundational principle of the rule of law. Coupled with good governance principles, the application of these concepts to Russian legal context reveal a complex of issues, that need to be discussed beyond Russian domestic sphere. It is even more important in the situation leading to global law or universal law concepts, which require a diverse set of legal systems, often seen incompatible, to make an effort to find areas of convergence rather than divergence.

In this context, Russian law faces challenges both domestically and internationally, being in need to meet the standards of globalisation and adjust to the dramatic inter-influences of various legal systems, institutions, and laws. There is a need to discuss the place of Russian law in the globalisation processes, theoretical and practical problems in faces from inside and outside, and how to proceed in situations of legal tensions and conflict resolution. More than that, this discussion cannot be only focused on the Russian law as thing-in-itself, but require comparative approach and dialogue between legal scholars and practitioners in Russia and beyond about common legal concerns and issued.

The Faculty of Law of the University of Helsinki is pleased to announce the jubilee conference in Development of Russian Law, which will take place in Helsinki on **November**

**20-21, 2017.** 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. This year's focus is on comparative approaches to the application of Russian law in the context of acute need to revisit bigger concepts such as rule-of-law and good governance. **Russian Law Journal** (<http://www.russianlawjournal.org/jour/index>) is official information sponsor of the conference.

We encourage submissions of **individual papers** and **full panels** in the following **themes and beyond**:

- 1) Comparative approaches to the application of law;
- 2) Rule-of-law and good governance as applied to diverse legal environments;
- 3) Digital challenges to law: e-government, e-lawyering and e-justice;
- 4) Privacy, data protection and human rights in the cyberspace;
- 5) International public law and legal institutions (ICC, ECtHR, BRICS, Commercial arbitration and others) and Russian legal changes and adjustments;
- 6) globalising business law and Russia;
- 7) regional models of legal cooperation;
- 8) global transplants and Russian law;

We welcome legal researchers from across disciplines to join our discussions of current issues in legal studies and law between Russian and Finnish scholars and specialists from other countries. We especially encourage younger scholars and graduate students to apply.

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's Chair and Discussant;
- 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: [drlix20016@gmail.com](mailto:drlix20016@gmail.com) with the mention of Development of Russian Law-X in the subject matter by **1 September 2017**.

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