



International Conference

Development of Russian Law-  
VI: Between Tradition and  
Modernity



October 17-18, 2013  
Faculty of Law  
University of Helsinki

## Program

Thursday, 17 October  
(University Main Building, Runeberg Hall, Fabianinkatu 33, 2nd floor)

10.00-10.30 – Registration, coffee

10.30-11.00 – Opening session

Prof. Johanna Niemi, Vice Dean, Faculty of Law

Dr. Marianna Muravyeva, Head, Development of Russian Law Program, Faculty of Law

11.00-12.30 Session 1. Legal Theory and Russian Law

Chair: Dr. Anna-Liisa Heusala, University of Helsinki

- Natural law reasoning in the Russian courts  
*Dr. Mikhail Antonov*, National Research University Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg, Russia
- Statutory Interpretation in Modern Russia: Factors of Impact  
*Evgeny Tonkov*, Russian Academy of National Economy and Public Service, St. Petersburg, Russia
- Socialist Law: What It Was?  
*Dr. Irina Moutaye*, Institute of Legislation and Comparative Law, Center of Comparative Law, Moscow, Russia

12.30-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 – Session 2. Labour Law, Labour Rights and Socio-Economic Development in Russia and NIS

Chair: Dr. Anatole Boute, University of Aberdeen

- Labor Rights as Human Rights in Russia  
*Prof. Oleg Bresky*, European Humanities University, Belorussia and *Prof. Charles F. Szymanski*, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania
- Some contradictions of Russian labour law development: the problem of discrimination  
*Elena Sychenko*, University of Catania, Italy
- The influence of European legal norms and normative values on Russian legal and socio-economic development  
*Dr. Ekaterina Mouliarova*, University of Regensburg, Germany, the Moscow Lomonosov State University, Russia

15.30-16.00 Coffee Break

16.00-17.30 – Session 3. Russian judiciary and the rule of law

Chair: *Dr. Kirill Koroteev*, Human Rights Centre “Memorial,” Moscow, Russia

- ‘Making Law’ by Legal Professionals in Russia  
*Dr Marina Kurkchyan*, Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, University of Oxford, UK
- How the Russian Constitutional court resolves the problem of coexisting with an authoritarian government?  
*Ivan Grigoriev*, Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg, Russia

**Friday, October 18**

(University Main Building, Auditorium II, Unioninkatu 34, 2nd floor)

09.00-10.30 – Session 4. Human Rights, Personal Freedom and Tradition Values

Chair: *Dr. Marianna Muravyeva*, University of Helsinki

- “Homosexual Propaganda” Bans in Russian Regions: A Case of (Defunct) Russian Federalism  
*Dr. Kirill Koroteev*, Human Rights Centre “Memorial,” Moscow, Russia
- To Be Protected from Corruption as a Human Right  
*Aleksandr Moiseev*, Herzen State Pedagogical University, St. Petersburg, Russia
- Russian NGOs before the European Court of Human Rights: Comparing Litigation on Torture, Discrimination, and Disappearances  
*Freek van der Vet*, University of Helsinki, Aleksanteri Institute

10.30-11.00 – Coffee break

11.00-12.30 – Session 5. Access to Justice in Russia: Challenges and Interpretations

Chair: *Dr. Jarmo Koistinen*, University of Helsinki

- Mobilization of the Constitutional Court and Barriers to Access Constitutional Justice in the Russian Federation  
*Aryna Dzmitryieva*, Institute for the Rule of Law, European University in St. Petersburg, Russia
- Complaining to Putin: Contradictions of Legal Modernization of Contemporary Russia  
*Dr. Elena Bogdanova*, Centre for Independent Social Research, St. Petersburg, Russia, University of Eastern Finland, Finland
- Pre-trial Detention in Russian Criminal Courts: Statistical Analysis of the Probability of Detention and Its Influence on the Sentence  
*Kirill Titaev*, Institute for the Rule of Law at the European University at St. Petersburg, Russia

12.30-13.30 – Lunch

13.30-15.30 – Session 6. Business and Energy Law: Working Proper?

Chair: Professor Kim Talus, University of Helsinki

- The role of Business Associations in protection of Russian Business from Raiders and Extortion: case of CPP «Business against Corruption»  
*Anton Kazun*, Higher School of Economics, Center for the Study of Institutions and Development, Moscow, Russia.
- Tendency of legal regulation of contracts in the construction sphere: experience of Russian Federation  
*Dr. Polina Ryabinchuk*, Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg, Russia
- The principle of the “economically well founded” nature of electricity prices: re-regulating free market prices through the back door  
*Dr. Anatole Boute*, University of Aberdeen, Centre for Energy Law, the UK
- Challenges to Russia’s gas market: policy drivers and implementation issues  
*Dr. Andrei Belyi*, Centre for EU-Russia Studies at the University of Tartu, Estonia

15.30-16.00 – Finalizing panel

