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 Tonnov, 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. Szyman- 
ski*, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania

- Some contradictions of Russian labour law development: the problem of discrimina-
tion
  *Elena Sychenko*, University of Catania, Italy

- The influence of European legal norms and normative values on Russian legal and so-
cio-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 Kurkchiyan*, Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, University of Oxford, UK

- How the Russian Constitutional court resolves the problem of coexisting with an au-
thoritarian 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 Fed-
eralism
  *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

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