**Project Proposal**

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| **Type of project** / Тип проекта | *Research Project* |
| **The name of project** / Название проекта | *Resources in the outer space and the Arctic and International Law* |
| **Department of university** /Подразделение инициатор проекта | *Political Science* |
| **Project supervisor** / Руководитель проекта | *Dr. Elena Cirkovic* |
| **Project summary** /Подробное описание содержания проектной работы | ***Proposed Project Summary***  ***Proposed by: Elena Cirkovic, Ph.D., Associate Professor, National Research University / Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg***  *Questions of physical space and international law have become prominent with novel extensions in the appropriation of human bodies, the sea, or outer space. New technologies have allowed for the commercialization of outer space, or the increasingly melting Arctic area. These issues are challenging our existing notions of territoriality, ownership, and borders, as well as the claims to international legal universality.*  *International law currently appears to function in tension with a variety of processes, which it cannot easily control. For instance, we can observe this in the challenge posed by climate change or the human exploration and use of outer space. A more traditional challenge stems from the contradiction between international law’s aspirations to universality and the parochial interests of states.*  *In this project we shall aim to address several of these themes: the rush for the resources in the “global Arctic”; potential for resource extraction in the outer space; the role of new technologies; and the individual role of States. In particular, we are interested in the current and/or future involvement of the Russian Federation and China, as they pose some alternatives to the existing models.*  *Environmental and ecological concerns do not always coincide with the economic, political and strategic interests of states. International law has yet to respond to both. The international legal response to potential new resources in the Arctic and the global commons has been mostly connected to interests of ‘ownership’: potential ‘grabs in the Arctic’; the question of territorial sovereignty; and deep seabed mining (and other forms of natural resource exploitation). In order to become more responsive to the novel challenges, international law will have to expand its disciplinary boundaries to accommodate processes beyond human and/or legal control.* |
| **The goals and objectives of the project** /Цель и задачи проекта | To gather information on the main theme of the project summary and present our findings online (preferably HSE website). |
| **Project’s tasks** /Проектное задание | Individual presentations and a final report. |
| **Project implementation period** / Сроки реализации проекта | Module 2-4 |
| **The number of credits** / Количество зачетных единиц |  |
| **The form of the final control (exam or test)** /Форма итогового контроля | Final report (3000 words). |
| **Entry requirements for student** /Требования к студентам, участникам проекта | 2nd year and above.  Cumulative Grade point average 9 and above. |
| **The results of the project** /Планируемые результаты проекта | Students will write individual reports on the theme of the project and present them to the group. We will also establish a web-page on the HSE site describing the project and presenting the students’ findings. |
| **The presentation of the project’s results to estimate** / Формат представления результатов, который подлежит оцениванию | We will seek to upload the findings of the project to the HSE website. |
| **Assessment criterion** / Критерии оценивания результатов проекта | Rigorous research, presentation, and writing skills. |
| **The number of vacancies** / Количество вакантных мест на проекте | 15 Students from the BA programme in Political Science and World Politics |
| **Selection criteria of students** /Критерии отбора студентов | Cumulative Grade point average 9 and above. |
| **Educational programs for** /Рекомендуемые образовательные программы | BA programme in Political Science and World Politics |
| **Location** /Территория | *St. Petersburg* |