**Предлагаемые направления для выбора тем докладов**

**November 5. Conference Opening Session. Panel Discussion “Federalism between Republic and Empire”**

Invited expert presentations only.

**November 5. Session “History and Theory of Federalism”**

- Federal systems of Antiquity, the Middle Ages and the Modern Age;

- Causes of emergence and disintegration of federations;

- Theory and practice of Soviet federalism;

- Political regime and state structure: the dilemma of correlation between federalism and democracy;

- History of federal thought;

- Colonial Federations;

- Islamic concept of federalism;

- Theory of Regionalism.

**November 7. Session “Regional Integration under Uncertainty: Optimism and Realism”**

- Crisis experience in the history of European integration;

- Relation of the current EU policy to the legislation and national interests of the EU countries (in a specific area, e.g. energy, or on the example of a specific country);

- Neutrality in the context of integration processes;

- Prospects, problems, procedure of Hungary's potential exit from the Schengen area and from the EU;

- Interaction of an integration association and a military-political bloc (on the example of interaction between the EU and NATO);

- Modern integration processes in Africa and their peculiarities;

- Current integration processes and their prospects within the region (at the participant's choice: Greater Eurasia/Asia/Africa/other smaller region);

- Comparative studies of integration formations;

- Prospects of economic integration within BRICS/ASEAN/SCO;

- The concept of integration of Muslim states;

- Legal mechanisms for regulating and resolving conflicts between national and supranational interests and norms.

**November 8. Session "Comparative Federalism"**

- Problems of classification of federal systems;

- Comparative analyses of unitary, regional and federal states;

- Regional comparative studies (federations in Europe, Latin America, Africa, Asia, island states);

- Institutional comparative studies (distribution of competences, federal representation, organisation of branches of power at federal and regional levels, local self-government);

- Comparative studies of historical federations;

- Federalism and minorities: national, religious, linguistic, gender and other factors;

- The influence of constitutional control bodies on the practice of federalism;

- Influence of federalism on the constitutional status of the individual;

- Problems of federalisation, secession, autonomy, asymmetry.

**November 11. Session “Fiscal Federalism and Spatial Development”**

- Economic sovereignty and federalism;

- Fiscal federalism: from theory to practice;

- National wealth and national patrimony;

- Need for a plan: the role of strategic regulation in ensuring the economic security of the state;

- Freedom of economic activity is guaranteed. Who is in charge?

- (De)centralisation of power, (de)privatisation of property;

- Interregional interaction and co-operation;

- Adaptation of RF subjects to economic sanctions;

- Default: debt burden of the regions, should we expect ‘bankruptcy’ of the constituent entities of the Russian Federation?

- Agglomerations. At the intersection of law, economics and geography;

- Regional Inequality and Financial Equalisation;

- Fiscal federalism in a war zone: how does the black box work?

- The role of local finance in fiscal federalism.

**November 12. Session “Federalism in Law and Practice”**

- Subjects of jurisdiction, powers and competence: correlation of concepts in the context of federalism;

- Constitutional legislation of the subjects of the federation: institutional design and electoral process;

- National and subnational constitutional control;

- The role of control bodies in the regulation of federal relations;

- Formal and substantive differences of norms of branches of law in a federal state;

- Treaty ways of regulating federal relations: practice and prospects;

- Problems of codification in federal states;

- Subnational legal orders: general issues, peculiarities and comparative analysis of subnational norms and practice of their application;

- Regional and local powers to ensure the protection of public order and public safety: is regional or municipal police necessary?

- Emergency powers of the authorities of the constituent entities of the federation in the context of pandemic and military conflicts;

- Powers of the federation subjects in various spheres;

- Interrelations between regional and local levels of government.

**November 13. Session “Federalism and Civil Society”**

- Civil society in federal states: peculiarities of formation, institutionalisation and development;

- Federalism as a principle of constitutionalism, the social nature of federalism: for and against;

- Social groups and socio-political communities as participants of federal relations;

- Principles of people's sovereignty and the right of peoples to self-determination: legal regulation and implementation in federal relations;

- Federalism and democracy: realities and prospects of interrelation;

- Peculiarities of regulation and realisation of human rights in federal relations;

- Collective constitutional rights: legal understanding, system and realisation in federal relations;

- Federalism and institutions of direct democracy;

- Peculiarities of public control in federal states;

- Federalism and political parties.

**November 14. Session “Problems of Federalism and Local Self-Governance in Russia”**

- Co-operation and coercion in federal relations;

- A person in the system of public administration: protection of rights as a goal of the organisation of the system of public power;

- Institutional problems of Russian federalism: distribution of competence, federal representation, issues of responsibility, the role of the President of the Russian Federation;

- Modern view of the national question in Russia;

- Significance of the practice of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation for the issues of federal construction and local self-government in Russia;

- The Principle of Unity of Public Power: Benefit or Strengthening of Control;

- Analysis of exceptions to the general rules of organisation of public authority in certain territories;

- Direct participation of the population in solving public issues: from the present to the future;

- Organisation of Public Power in the Territory of New Subjects of the Russian Federation: Analysis of Legislation and Practice;

- Constitutional bases of the dynamics of development of Russian federalism;

- Problematic Aspects of Novels on Local Self-Governance;

- Political and legal problems of reforming public authority in the Russian Federation in the future.

**November 15. Closing Foresight Session “Institutional and Non-Institutional Factors in the Development of Federal Systems”**

 The choice of topic is left to the participants and experts.