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**FEDERALISM IN
CONTEMPORARY
PUBLIC LAW**

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NB! THE MOST IMPORTANT FROM THE NEWSLETTER

f There will be 7 sessions and 2 panel discussions at our Conference.

f Signature sessions – individual approach to all topics!

f To register, you only need the topic and the outline of the report, you can send the whole article later.

f We don't have any winners or prize winners.

f Co-authorship is welcome! And necessary!

f The first week – in Lomonosov MSU and MGIMO of the MFA of Russia, the second – Kutafin MSAL, INION RAN and SPbU.

f Deadline for papers submission is October 30 at 11:59 p.m.

f You can and should express your opinion and encourage a healthy discussion in our sessions.

f Registration via Lomonosov platform.

f Research paper volume: 1-10 thousand words.

f An example of the formatting of a research paper is attached.

f If you don't want to speak, just send us your work, we'll give you credit for participation.

f You may choose not to write a paper and participate as a Conference listener. Everyone is welcome!

f As long as YouTube works in Russia, there will be a broadcast!

f Do you have any questions? Reach out to the contact people on the organizing committee.

DEAR COLLEAGUES

International Scientific and Practical Conference «Federalism in the Contemporary Public Law» (hereinafter – Conference, FCPL-2024) will be held on November 5–15, 2024 in the walls of Lomonosov Moscow State University, Moscow State Institute of International Relations, Kutafin Moscow State Law University, Institute of Scientific Information for Social Sciences of the Russian Academy of Sciences and St. Petersburg State University.

The Conference is hybrid, i.e. implies both in-person, and online participation. All sections will be streamed on YouTube.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS ARE:

- Federalist Discussion Club;
- Department of Constitutional and Municipal Law of the Faculty of Law of the Lomonosov MSU;
- Department of Constitutional Law of the International Law School MGIMO of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation;
- Department of Constitutional and Municipal Law of the Kutafin MSAL;
- Institute of Scientific Information for Social Sciences of the Russian Academy of Sciences (INION RAN);
- Department of Constitutional Law of the Faculty of Law SPbUI;
- Student Council of the Faculty of Law of the Lomonosov Moscow State University;
- MGIMO Law Club;
- Student Scientific Society of the Kutafin MSAL;
- Student Scientific Society of the Faculty of Law of St. Petersburg State University.

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Undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students, as well as current researchers and professors are invited to participate in the Conference.

Conference working languages: Russian, English.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Thematic sessions – platforms for hearing reports, taking into account the expert opinion and subsequent discussion within one block of scientific problems.

Panel discussions – a form of interactive communication as a dialogue platform, designed to form and create a system of receiving constant feedback.

NOTE!

We highly appreciate and respect the research work of all participants, that is why there are no winners and prize-winners of sessions in our Conference. Equal evaluation of scientific works is a principal position of the Organizing Committee.

An electronic diploma of participation will be sent to each participant who personally participated in the Conference sessions.

The literature collections on various issues of state structure, which are made by the Federalist Discussion Club, can help you during preparing papers. They can be found in the club's VKontakte group: <https://vk.com/federalism>.

**CONFERENCE OPENING SESSION
PANEL DISCUSSION „FEDERALISM BETWEEN REPUBLIC
AND EMPIRE„**

NOVEMBER 5, 2024

MOSCOW, FACULTY OF LAW OF LOMONOSOV MSU

Federalism has been used for the conquest of new territories and effective centralisation in multicomponent societies not only in antiquity but also in the very recent past. Should federalism be identified with a republic, should federalism and empire be contrasted, or do these categories have something in common? – This is the key question that has been repeatedly raised at the Conference in the past years and will be answered by the invited experts. This panel discussion will discuss different approaches to the understanding of federalism as a common good – in the republican and imperial tradition of public power.

Participants: invited Russian and foreign experts (with reports), young scientists and current researchers (without reports as panelists).

Moderator: Vadim Korolkov.

Languages: Russian and English (simultaneous translation is available).

SESSION „HISTORY AND THEORY OF FEDERALISM„

NOVEMBER 6, 2024

MOSCOW, FACULTY OF LAW OF LOMONOSOV MSU

Studies of the history and theory of federalism are deeply interconnected and interdependent. The historical context influences theoretical approaches to state building in the same way as theories embodied in practice predetermine the course of the historical process. That is why studying the reasons for the successes and failures of past federal systems can provide objective information about the direction in which modern federations will develop.

Participants: invited experts (with the possibility of a plenary report), young scientists and researchers (with and without reports).

Moderator: Vadim Korolkov.

Languages: Russian and English (simultaneous translation is available).

SESSION „REGIONAL INTEGRATION UNDER UNCERTAINTY:
OPTIMISM AND REALISM,,
NOVEMBER 7, 2024

MOSCOW, INTERNATIONAL LAW SCHOOL, MGIMO MFA OF
RUSSIA

Regional integration processes on the Eurasian continent currently don't have clear development prospects: the close interweaving of economic, political and institutional factors of their development predetermines the complexity of new challenges. The military influence of individual states plays an important role in studying regional integrations in the context of an aggravated crisis in international relations. Within the framework of this session, it is proposed to rationally isolate these factors, study their influence on the fate of regional integrations, and also propose possible options for their further development. Participants in the session are also invited to discuss integration processes in Asia, Africa and other regions in the context of a global choice between optimism and realism.

Participants: invited experts (with the possibility of a plenary report), young scientists and researchers (with and without reports).

Moderator: Marya Lyubinskaya.

Languages: Russian and English (simultaneous translation is available).

SESSION „COMPARATIVE FEDERALISM,,
NOVEMBER 8, 2024

MOSCOW, INTERNATIONAL LAW SCHOOL, MGIMO MFA OF
RUSSIA

Comparative federalism is the forefront of federalism research: the comparison of modern and historical federal systems greatly enriches the theory of federalism. The main problems of modern comparative federalism are the issues of the influence of regional, political and socio-economic peculiarities on the institutional design of the federal system. Further study of federal systems from these points of view will make it possible to predict with a high degree of reliability the development of federal systems and regional integrations around the world.

Participants: invited experts (plenary report is an option), students (with and without reports).

Moderator: Zlata Egorova.

Languages: English.

SESSION „FISCAL FEDERALISM AND SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT,,

NOVEMBER 11, 2024

MOSCOW, KUTAFIN MSAL

The political and legal practice of federal construction directly depends on the handling of issues affecting the finances of the federal system. In the conditions of a rapidly changing world, when studying fiscal federalism, scientific priorities naturally change. Thus, along with the traditional issues of budgetary organization, special tax regimes, financial equalization and strategic planning of spatial development, the focus of the latest scientific researches is on issues of economic sovereignty, economic security and stability of interregional financial and economic relations. In this regard, possible theoretical and practical options for ensuring the balance of budgets of different levels of government are acquiring a new connotation that requires more detailed study.

Participants: invited experts (with the possibility of a plenary report), young scientists and researchers (with and without reports).

Moderator: Karina Tayupova.

Languages: Russian and English (simultaneous translation is available).

**SESSION „FEDERALISM IN LAW AND PRACTICE,,
NOVEMBER 12, 2024
MOSCOW, KUTAFIN MSAL**

The institutional design of the federal system is manifested not only in the declarative provisions of the constitution, but also in the institutional organization of power in the constituent members of the federation and subnational legislation in various spheres. The study of the correlation between federal and regional legislation and law enforcement practice on various issues is not only one of the most important and complex issues in the study of federalism, but also the most vivid illustration of "living federalism". These are the issues, which relate primarily to the exercise of competence by public law entities in different states, and are central to the discussion in this session.

Participants: invited experts (with the possibility of a plenary report), young scientists and researchers (with and without reports).

Moderator: Alexander Merculenko.

Languages: Russian and English (simultaneous translation is available).

SESSION „FEDERALISM AND CIVIL SOCIETY„

NOVEMBER 13, 2024

MOSCOW, INSTITUTE OF SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION FOR SOCIAL
SCIENCES OF THE RUSSIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

The mutual influence of various public institutions and federalism is recognized not only in liberal works, but has also been repeatedly emphasized by authors with different value systems. Within the framework of this section, it is proposed to address to a detailed study of the theory and practice of this interaction – both in the works of legal scholars and in the optics of researchers belonging to other scientific fields. A systemic and interdisciplinary analysis of issues related to the relationship between federalism and civil society is necessary for legal science as the intellectual basis of current and future legislation.

Participants: invited experts (with the possibility of a plenary report), young scientists and researchers (with and without reports).

Moderator: Irina Konyuhova-Umnova.

Languages: Russian and English (simultaneous translation is available).

SESSION „PROBLEMS OF FEDERALISM AND LOCAL SELF-GOVERNANCE IN RUSSIA,,

NOVEMBER 14, 2024

ST PETERSBURG, FACULTY OF LAW OF ST PETERSBURG
UNIVERSITY

Federalism and local self-governance are not only one of the foundations of the constitutional system of the Russian Federation, but also a long-standing subject of research for many scientists. The 2020 constitutional reform and its developing legislation open new horizons for discussions and studies on the unity and systematicity of public authority in Russia, as well as related issues of organization of the people's power, constitutional control, problems of exercising competence and special territorial entities. Studying the obvious and hidden meanings of these and other institutions of Russian constitutional law in the context of other elements of the form of government will allow to better understand the logic of the further development of Russian statehood.

Participants: invited experts (with the possibility of a plenary report), young scientists and researchers (with and without reports).

Moderator: Vladislav Kravchenko.

Languages: Russian and English (simultaneous translation is available).

CLOSING FORESIGHT SESSION: „INSTITUTIONAL AND NON- INSTITUTIONAL FACTORS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF FEDERAL SYSTEMS,,

NOVEMBER 15, 2024

ST PETERSBURG, FACULTY OF LAW OF ST PETERSBURG
UNIVERSITY

The stability of federal relations depends directly on the degree of their institutional organization, which manifests itself in the undifferentiated exercise of specific power functions. However, the reduction of federalism exclusively to the institutional dimension can limit the researcher's view, deprive him of his reliable knowledge when it comes to public relations that do not have an institutional form, but significantly affect the development of federal systems. In the framework of the foresight session, closing the conference, it is proposed to consider the experience of institutional and non-institutional factors that influence the development of federalism in different states and integration associations – so that when taking into account the façade and the shady sides of these social connections could be modeled and predicted for their future development.

Participants: invited Russian and foreign experts (with reports), young scientists and current researchers (without reports as panelists).

Moderator: Vadim Korolkov.

Languages: Russian and English (simultaneous translation is available).

IMPORTANT DATES

Acceptance of participants' applications – until 30.10

Result of the competitive selection – not later than 01.11

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To participate in the Conference "Federalism in Contemporary Public Law" you need to register on the "Lomonosov" website. With a personal profile you will be able to apply for participation and send a research paper. Detailed instructions on how to create a personal profile and on the registration procedure can be found in the official Conference community.

Taking into account the late publication of information about the Conference, we suggest you to attach a file with the topic and detailed plan of the report to the application, and send a full article further on the outcome of the Conference by 1 February 2025.

Link to registration form on portal «Lomonosov»:
<https://lomonosov-msu.ru/eng/event/9100/>

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RESEARCH PAPER

- Not previously published and scientifically new;
- Office Word text file;
- Must contain the title of the paper, full name, author(s) information, e-mail address, abstract (100-150 words) and keywords (5-8 words) – in Russian and English;
- 12 Times New Roman font;
- Single line spacing;
- Formatting of bibliographical references according to citation style Vancouver, page numbering under the main text;
- The paper should contain the title (title of the topic);
- The volume of the work: no less than 1 and no more than 10 thousand words;
- Originality: not less than 70%.

PLEASE NOTE!

In case of non-compliance with the established rules (incomplete data about the author, exceeding the established volume of the paper, etc.) the Organizing Committee has the right to REVERSE participation in the conference.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right not to specify the reasons for rejection of the papers. Co-authorship is allowed, but not more than three authors. When writing a paper in co-authorship, each author of the paper must submit an application for participation in the conference by filling out an electronic questionnaire.

Any participant of the Conference may attend any session as a listener, it is not necessary to speak.

Participation in the Conference is free of charge.

Expenses related to travel to Moscow and St. Petersburg, accommodation and meals shall be reimbursed by the sending party.

On the basis of the request of a full-time participant of the Conference, a personal invitation to the Conference may be issued on behalf of the Organizing Committee to compensate travel expenses in accordance with the procedure established by the sending party.

It should be noted that the Organizing Committee does not facilitate the booking of apartments.

LOCATION

On **November 5, 6** the Conference will be held in the Lomonosov Moscow State University: Moscow, Leninskie Gory, 1, bldg. 13, 4th academic building (metro station "University"). Entrance to the territory of the University is by invitation only and upon presentation of a passport.

On **November 7, 8** the Conference will be held in the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (University) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation: Moscow, Vernadskogo avenue, 76, building V (metro station "Prospekt Vernadskogo"). Entrance to the territory of the University is by invitation only and upon presentation of a passport.

On **November 11, 12** the Conference will be held in the Kutafin Moscow State Law University: Moscow, 9 Sadovaya-Kudrinskaya str. Sadovaya-Kudrinskaya, 9 ("Barrikadnaya" and "Krasnopresnenskaya" metro stations). Entrance to the territory of the University is by invitation only and upon presentation of a passport.

On **November 13** the Conference will be held in the Institute of Scientific Information for Social Sciences of the Russian Academy of Sciences: r. Moscow, Nakhimovsky Prospect, 51/21 («Profsoyuznaya» metro station). Entrance to the territory of the University is by invitation only and upon presentation of a passport.

On **November 14, 15** the Conference will be held in the St Petersburg University: St Petersburg, 22 line of Vasilevsky Island, 7 ("Vasileostrovskaya" metro station). Entrance to the territory of the University is by invitation only and upon presentation of a passport.

Links to connect to Zoom will be sent to all registered participants along with the Conference programme.

MANAGEMENT OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The Organizing Committee of the conference is located at: 1,
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YouTube channel: <http://www.youtube.com/@wkorolkov>

For general questions you can contact the Co-Chairs of the
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If you have any questions regarding the organization of your
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