



## Development of Russian Law

### For Legal and Peaceful Conflict Resolution

### Uutiskirje Joulkuu (2023) / Newsletter December (2023)

Dear colleagues:

We are happy to be back with our end of the year newsletter. Last year - 2023 - has been as challenging as the previous one, even more so. Our team was busy organising this year's Alexander Conference - **Decolonizing Space in the Global East – Legal Choices, Political Transformations, Carceral Practices** (<https://www.helsinki.fi/en/conferences/decolonizing-space-global-east>). Therefore, we were behind our networking and sharing news. However, we are resuming our regular activities in January. First of all, we have new members of our team - check our blog page. Secondly, we will be organising our annual conference - see pre-call below. Thirdly, we will be resuming our Russian Law and Post-Soviet Legal Choices Talks in January with our first talk dealing with the asylum seekers and border closures. Moreover, we are planning to revive our blog and introduce some new features such as monthly legal news digest update and some others.

We wish you all Happy Holidays and strength for year another challenging year to come. Thank you for your patience and for being part of the network.

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## 1) Pre-call for papers DRL-XIV 2024

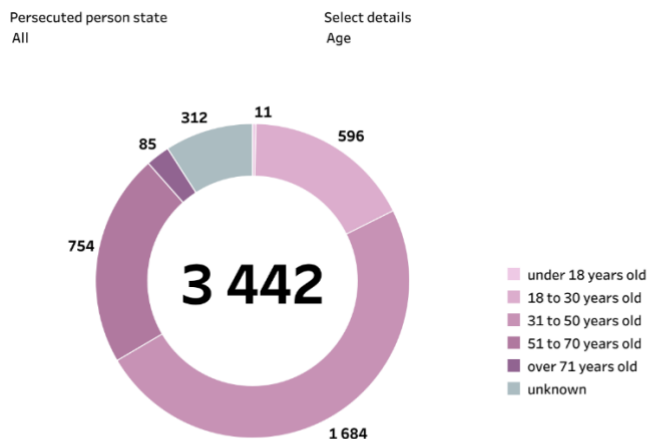
We would to pre-announce the call for papers for our annual conference on Russian law, that we plan to take place in November 2024 in Helsinki. We continue our work and are committed to further study Russian law in comparative and global contexts. The topic for the conference is **Law in the Times of War: Conflicts, Legal Responses and Legal Solutions**. We would like to focus on comparative approaches to law in conflict situations and discuss possible strategies and solutions to war-time legislation across the Globe. More details will follow in our January newsletter.

## 2) 1013 Individuals Detained on Political Grounds, Data Survey, OVD-Info Advocacy and 21 Months of Full-scale War

Dear friends,

This is the latest update from the OVD-Info data department.

As of today in Russia and annexed Crimea, 3,442 individuals face criminal persecution on political grounds, with 1,013 currently deprived of their freedom. These statistics are derived from the Database of Politically Motivated Criminal Prosecutions, recently published by the OVD-Info team. The dataset focuses on criminal cases initiated by Russian investigative bodies (Ministry of Internal Affairs, Investigative Committee, Federal Security Service) and adjudicated by Russian courts — cases we identify as politically motivated. This format marks its inaugural release.



Data OVD-Info

[Data on politically motivated criminal prosecutions](#)

Continuous monitoring of politically motivated cases and updating the database with information on individuals persecuted in such cases is ongoing. The data visualization is updated every Monday.

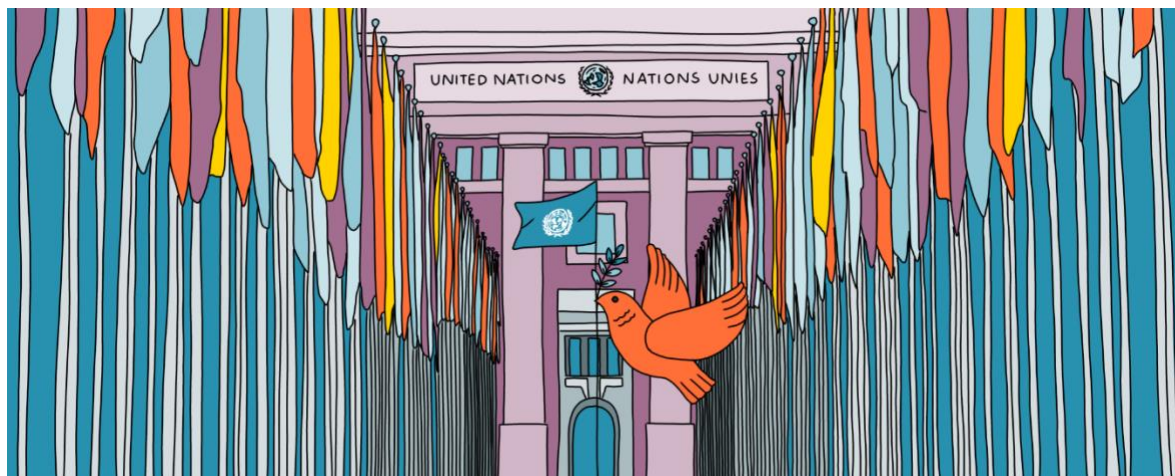
For more details on what cases we consider politically motivated and the information available in the database, please refer to our methodology.



### [What do you think about our data?](#)

We strive to enhance the accessibility and utility of our data, anticipating wider utilization and increased awareness of persecutions in Russia. Your insights are crucial, and we invite you to fill out our survey. Your responses will aid us in identifying areas for improvement, which we do not see ourselves.

It takes no more than 10 minutes and contributes to making OVD-Info data more robust.



### [Visit advocacy page](#)

In the midst of war and repression, national mechanisms for protection and influencing the state are disappearing. Consequently, part of our advocacy efforts is now directed towards international institutions. On this page, we publish reports and appeals regarding the state of human rights in Russia, forwarding them to the UN, OSCE, and the Council of Europe.

To learn more about our advocacy team's activities and how international organizations can impact the human rights situation in Russia, read more [here](#).



[Read "Persecution of the anti-war movement report"](#)

Twenty-one months ago, Russia initiated a full-scale war against Ukraine. Following anti-war protests in the early days of the invasion, an unprecedented wave of repression unfolded within Russia. We continue to gather and analyze data on persecutions for anti-war stances in Russia and the annexed Republic of Crimea.

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between 24 February 2022 and 20 November 2023

In the November update, you will find detailed information on administrative and criminal cases against individuals with anti-war views, as well as extrajudicial pressure and internet censorship.



## Registration link

We extend our gratitude to all who participated in our first two seminars in the series "Political Repression in Russia: 2012-2023: Data, Actors, and Practices", organized by OVD-Info in collaboration with the French project L'Archipel and researchers from the School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (EHESS), Sciences Po, and Paris-Nanterre University. The third seminar will take place on 21 December at 16:30 CET (please note: earlier communication mentioned 15 December; this date is now rescheduled to 21 December). This session will focus on gathering data on anti-war persecutions and how the repressions and working with them changed after February 24th.

If you have previously registered, there is no need to fill out the form again.

### 3) "International LGBT social movement" declared extremist organization by the Russian Supreme Court

On November 30<sup>th</sup> the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation [has declared](#) the "International LGBT social movement" extremist organization in a closed trial. The proceedings were initiated by the Russian Ministry of Justice. In its [claim](#) the Ministry stated that the "movement" is inciting to social and religious hatred. Russian human rights defenders undertook attempts to influence the outcome of the case: several organizations presented [a joint legal opinion](#) on the illegitimacy of the claim pointing out that the defendant is formally non-existent, lacks legal personality, and constitutes a whole social group based on sexuality and gender identity. Another group of activists [created](#) the "International LGBT social movement" and unsuccessfully tried to intervene in the case.

The experts are convinced that LGBTQ+ people may face administrative sanctions and criminal prosecution just being open about their sexuality and/or gender identity. People who express solidarity with LGBTQ+ community are also under the threat. The extremist status of the "movement" will also [affect](#) the organizations of civil society that provide help to representatives of vulnerable groups. More information in Russian language about the consequences of the Supreme Court's judgment including risks related to the use of "extremist symbols" which refers to the pride flag in this case, can be found in materials published by [Meduza](#). The lawyers claim that the implementation of the new regulations is unpredictable and may affect a wide range of people. They refer to an analogous situation with the A. U. E. movement (abbreviation for *Arestantskoe Ugolovnoe Edinstvo* translated as prisoners' criminal unity, an informal Russian criminal and prison subculture) and point out that courts' jurisprudence on this matter includes among other things criminal prosecution for private conversations.

This is a second major Russian anti-LGBTQ+ campaign in 2023: in July, the Russian parliament [adopted](#) a [federal law](#) prohibiting gender transition.

#### **4) The 2nd Congress of Civic, Anti-War and Humanitarian Initiatives and Their Partners was held in Brussels**

### **CONGRESS OF CIVIL, ANTI-WAR, HUMANITARIAN, INITIATIVES AND THEIR PARTNERS BRUSSELS, November 27, 2023**

The Congress united more than a hundred horizontal grassroots anti-war, civil, humanitarian, human rights, and media initiatives operating both in exile and in Russia. The main fields of participants' work include:

- searching for Ukrainian children and civic hostages abducted to Russian territory and providing anti-war and humanitarian work on the occupied territories;
- working with refugees from Ukraine and political migrants from Russia, helping them adapt to their new location;
- providing legal, psychological, informational, infrastructural support for politically persecuted activists in Russia helping them to leave the country and to adapt to the new life abroad;
- combating propaganda;
- protecting the rights of vulnerable groups during the war, including LGBTQ+ people, women\*, and people of color;
- cooperating with the EU-member states institutions.

The Congress was organized with the support from the European Union and the German Ministry of Foreign affairs. The representatives of international governmental and non-governmental organizations (European Commission, European External Action Service, European Parliament, FIDH, European Prison Litigation Network, etc.), academia (Stockholm Institute of Eastern European Studies (SCEEUS), Copenhagen University, Scuola Normale Superiore and Public Sociology Laboratory, etc.), as well as of Ukrainian civil society (Nonviolence International-Ukraine, Center for Civil Liberties) and governmental officials from European states were engaged in the polylogue with the Russian opposition.

The discussions were dedicated to 8 topics:

- How can Russian civil society support Ukraine?
- Cooperation between the EU and the Russian democratic forces: do we need a united opposition? Human rights in the uncharted territory.

- Strategy of resistance in Russia: transformation and democratization.
- Bringing abducted Ukrainian children, refugees and prisoners of war from Russia back to Ukraine: how to return them home and achieve justice?
- What else is possible inside the Russian Federation and how to support activists?
- Russian political transition in the EU - one and a half years of help in rescuing politically persecuted activists in Russia: what have been done and what can be done to improve the transit process for future new arrivals?
- Supporting the sustainable impact of Russian anti-war initiatives: opportunities and priorities.

During the discussions, the participants formulated the aims and collectively elaborated concrete future steps to achieve them. The contributors agreed that subsequent action plan includes:

- Protection of the rights of trans political prisoners.
- Engagement in civic education about human rights in Russia.
- Support of the development of a democratic civil society within Russia.
- Opposing propaganda in Russia.
- Creation of an information campaign for European partners about what is really happening in Russia.
- Launching an information campaign on the Russian presidential election as a tool for anti-war activities
- Working on developing decolonial optics for the future tax system in Russia
- Development of instructions on how to work with international and independent journalists for anti-war activists.
- Support of political prisoners in Russia.
- Strengthening of the interaction between representatives of Ukrainian and Russian civil societies.
- Creation of a resource and fundraising support center for Russian anti-war and democratic initiatives.
- Preparation of information platforms on the needs of the LGBTQ+ community and civil society actors within Russia.
- Organization of a public campaign against the abortion ban in Russia.
- Creation of a communication platform for emergency evacuation of LGBTQ+ activists.
- Organization of a major anti-war campaign for the presidential elections in European cities.
- Coordination and organization of a major anti-war action to mark the two-year anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine.
- Improvement of the interaction between Russian democratic anti-war diasporas.
- Establishment of a joint Russian-Ukrainian advocacy group to support Ukraine.



More information about Russian grassroots oppositional initiatives can be found on [Platforma](#).

## Open Positions and Applications

### 1) Two PhD Positions at Aalto University

**Apply for a PhD position in Organizational Communication, Aalto University School of Business!**

The unit has a strong gender studies orientation, making these positions suitable for potential PhD candidates interested in gender & feminist studies and diversity and inclusion. I, one of the potential PhD supervisors, do feminist research on questions of the labour market, policies, employment relations and business-society relations, and would be happy to supervise students in these areas.

The Aalto BIZ Organizational Communication unit offers comprehensive research training in organizational communication as one of the twelve majors of the Aalto Doctoral Program in Business, Economics and Finance. The multidisciplinary research profile of the unit gives doctoral researchers the academic freedom to pursue interesting projects that defy disciplinary boundaries within the broad field of organizational communication and management studies. More information: <https://www.aalto.fi/en/department-of-management-studies/doctoral-studies-in-organizational-communication>

We are especially seeking candidates (2) to our key research areas:

- \*Business-society relations and corporate social responsibility
- \***Gender and feminist studies, diversity and inclusion**
- \*Strategy and discursive leadership
- \*Qualitative methods, especially discursive approaches and (n)ethnography

The positions are funded for two years, with very good opportunities for funding also for the third and fourth year of studies.

Application period: 11 Dec 2023 – 11 Jan 2024

Studies start: 1 Sept 2024

How to apply: [https://www.aalto.fi/en/study-options/aalto-doctoral-programme-in-business-economics-and-finance?check\\_logged\\_in=1](https://www.aalto.fi/en/study-options/aalto-doctoral-programme-in-business-economics-and-finance?check_logged_in=1)

Note! Applicants with a Master's Degree from a Finnish university do not need to do a GMAT.

With questions and queries about the positions, don't hesitate to contact me!

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## **2) Call for Papers for the SQS journal's Special Issue on Queering Crises**

Environmental disasters, armed conflicts, and pandemics causing health risks have multiplied globally in recent decades. In sociological disaster studies, catastrophes and the impacts of crises are examined through the lens of social, political, and economic inequalities. It is known that crises affect populations in different ways based on social class, gender, or the expression of sexuality and related norms, as well as factors such as age or disability. This special issue of the SQS Journal, titled "Queering Crises," aims to make visible the contribution of queer studies to the field of crisis research and simultaneously encourages queer researchers to contemplate the impact of crises on situations within the LGBTQIA+ community.

The special issue welcomes article proposals that approach the topic from perspectives such as refugee crises, pandemics, environmental disasters (e.g., floods and climate change), armed conflicts and wars, or more broadly, the viewpoint of polycrises (accumulation and intertwining of multiple crises). On one hand, environmental disasters and climate change are known to disproportionately affect marginalized populations in the global south. Global interconnectedness and interdependence, on the other hand, mean that in the future, crises will increasingly affect populations in the global north, as demonstrated by events such as the COVID-19 pandemic or Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Polycrises impact socio-ecological and economic systems and multiple locations simultaneously. Articles may focus on issues such as inequality and discrimination, participation, political activism, rights and justice, or queer spaces emerging in times of crisis.

We invite submissions for this special issue, ranging from research articles to various types of other texts such as essays, discussions, lectures, and book reviews. We welcome article proposals from disciplines such as history, geography, social sciences (including political science, sociology, social work, global development studies, peace and conflict studies, international politics), law (including international law), language, communication and cultural studies, medicine and health sciences, and education.

For articles, we request abstracts (max. 300 words), and for other texts, brief descriptions of ideas (max. 100 words) by email no later than February 5, 2024. Completed texts should be submitted to the editors by June 7, 2024.

Authors are invited to submit abstracts and other proposals to the email addresses of both special issue editors: Jarmo Harri Jantunen (jarmo.h.jantunen(at)jyu.fi) and Marjaana Jauhola (marjaana.jauhola(at)tuni.fi). Please contact us if you have any questions about the publication.

The SQS journal is published on an open journal platform, meaning that published texts become immediately accessible to all interested readers. SQS is inherently trilingual, so submissions can be made in English, Finnish, or Swedish. You can find previous issues of the journal here:" <https://journal.fi/sqs/issue/archive>

### **3) Professori, Hyvinvointioikeus**

Lapin yliopiston oikeustieteiden tiedekunnassa on haettavana professorin (hyvinvointioikeus) toistaiseksi voimassa oleva tehtävä.

Lapin yliopiston oikeustieteiden tiedekunta kouluttaa neljänneksen Suomen juristeista. Opiskelijamme opiskelevat uudistetussa tutkintorakenteessa, jossa yhdistyvät monimuotoiset opiskelumuodot ja itsenäiset työskentelytavat. Opetus on entistä käytännönläheisempää unohtamatta tieteenalan teoreettista pohjaa. Tiedekuntamme tutkii laaja-alaisesti oikeutta ja oikeudenmukaisuutta yhteiskunnan eri osa-alueilla. Teemme tutkimusta yhteistyössä alueen sidosryhmien ja kansainvälisten yhteistyökumppaneiden kanssa. Tiedekuntaan otetaan vuosittain noin 140 uutta opiskelijaa suorittamaan oikeusnotaarin ja oikeustieteen maisterin tutkintoja sekä vaihteleva määrä jatko-opintoihin.

#### **Tarjoamme sinulle**

- kansainvälisen akateemisen työympäristön ja korkeatasoisen tieteellisen tutkimuksen infrastruktuurin
- mahdollisuuden joustavaan monipaikkatyöhön
- modernit työvälineet
- kattavan työterveyshuollon
- liikunta-, kulttuuri- ja hyvinvointiedut.

#### **Tehtävänäsi on**

Professorin tehtävän täyttämistä varten on laadittu tehtäväntäyttöseloste, josta ilmenee tarkemmin professorin tehtävät, kelpoisuusvaatimukset ja hakemuksen liitteet. Tehtäväntäyttöseloste on luettavissa verkkosivuilla: Tiedekuntaneuvosto | Oikeustieteiden tiedekunta | Lapin yliopisto (ulapland.fi)

#### **Lisätietoja tehtävästä**

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**Työpaikan osoite:** Yliopistonkatu 8, 96300 ROVANIEMI

**Työn kesto:** 1.8.2024 alkaen tai sopimuksen mukaan

**Työaika:** kokoaikatyö

**Koeaika:** 6 kk

**Palkkaus:** Yliopiston palkkausjärjestelmä perustuu tehtävän vaativuuteen ja henkilökohtaiseen suoriutumiseen. Professorin tehtävä sijoittuu opetus- ja tutkimushenkilökunnan vaativuustasoihin 8-11, joiden mukainen tehtäväkohtainen palkanosa on 5 121,15 € - 7 291,13 € euroa kuukaudessa. Lisäksi maksetaan henkilökohtaiseen suoriutumiseen perustuvaa palkanosaa, joka on enintään 50 % tehtäväkohtaisesta palkanosasta.

Haku alkaa **1. joulukuuta 2023** ja päättyy **31. joulukuuta 2023, klo 23.59** (Europe/Helsinki)

**Työsuhteen tyyppi:** Toistaiseksi

### Lapin yliopisto

Lapin yliopisto on kansainvälinen tiede- ja taideyliopisto aivan napapiirin tuntumassa Rovaniemellä, Lapin pääkaupungissa. Arktinen yliopistomme luo uutta tietoa, taitoa ja osaamista pohjoisen puolesta, maailmaa varten. Koulutus- ja tutkimusalojamme ovat kasvatustieteet, oikeustiede, taide ja muotoilu, yhteiskuntatieteet sekä pohjoiset ja arktiset kysymykset. Strategiset valintamme painottavat globaalia arktista vastuuta, kestävää matkailua sekä tulevaisuuden palveluja ja etäisyyksien hallintaa.

Lapin yliopisto arvostaa yhdenvertaisuutta ja monimuotoisuutta työyhteisössä.

## **4) Two post-doc positions at Department of Slavic Studies / Center for Eastern European Studies (CEES), University of Zurich, Switzerland**

A new Institute for Eastern European Studies is founded at the University of Zurich, resulting from the merger of the Department of Slavic Studies and the Center of Eastern European Studies (CEES). The Institute for Eastern European Studies will strengthen interdisciplinary and international research on Eastern Europe at the University of Zurich. Within this first phase of founding the new Institute, two postdoctoral positions of 60-80 % each are to be filled **from 1 July 2024 for a period of four years – one position in the field of humanities / cultural studies and one position in the field of social sciences**. The positions will initially be based at the Department of Slavic Studies.

Deadline for applications: January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. More information [here](#).

## **5) 1–2 Postdoctoral Researcher / Project Researcher, JuRE project, University of Turku**

The Faculty of Law, University of Turku invites applications for 1–2 fixed-term positions of postdoctoral researcher / project researcher in project Just Recovery from Covid-19? Fundamental Rights, Legitimate Governance and Lessons Learnt (JuRe). Project's webpage: <https://www.jure.fi/en/>

The positions are fixed-term and will end 31.12.2024. The work will begin as soon as possible by mutual agreement.

The project addresses the political and legal framework for recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic. The multidisciplinary project involves more than 20 researchers from the University of Turku, the University of Helsinki, and Tampere University. The work is part of a research group at the Faculty of Law of the University of Turku which conducts research on fundamental rights, law and jurisdiction, and crisis regulation in the pandemic era. The research is funded by the Strategic Research Council (SRC) established within the Research Council of Finland.

### **Salary and trial period**

The salary is determined in accordance with the university salary system for teaching and research personnel and will depend on the degree and qualifications of the applicant. The salary of a Postdoctoral Researcher is 3400-3600 euros/month on average depending on competence and experience, and the salary of a Project Researcher is approximately 2400–2600 euros/month. The position has a trial period of three (3) months.

### **How to apply**

Please submit your application through our online recruitment system. The closing date for applications is 10.1.2024 at 16.00 (EET GMT+2 / at 14:00 UTC).

Applicants should enclose with their application:

- 1) a curriculum vitae drawn up in accordance with the guidelines of TENK: <https://tenk.fi/en/advice-and-materials/template-researchers-curriculum-vitae>
- 2) a list of publications in accordance with the guidelines of the Faculty of Law: [https://www.utu.fi/sites/default/files/public%3A//media/file/list\\_of\\_publications\\_EN.pdf](https://www.utu.fi/sites/default/files/public%3A//media/file/list_of_publications_EN.pdf)

3) a description (1–2 pages) of the research that the applicant could carry out in the project

4) copy or copies of degree certificate(s) (if degree(s) are not completed at the University of Turku)

**Deadline: 10 January 2024 16:00 (Europe/Helsinki)**

**The applications are submitted through online recruitment system.**

More information [in Finnish](#) and [in English](#).

## **6) Human Rights & the Arts Fellowship at Bard College, The OSUN Center for Human Rights & the Arts**

**Deadline: January 5, 2024**

<https://apply.interfolio.com/136843>

The OSUN Center for Human Rights & the Arts invites applications for a one-year research and teaching fellowship in human rights and the arts. The position is open to individuals working in a variety of fields where human rights and the arts intersect, including artists, curators, researchers, scholars, writers, filmmakers, advocates and activists. The fellowship covers a period of one year, i.e. two academic semesters, from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, and includes compensation of \$65,000. Please note that the Fellow is expected to be in residence at the College during the teaching semesters. The Fellow will pursue their own research or creative practice within the interdisciplinary and critical framework of the Center, and contribute to the curriculum of the Center’s M.A. Program in Human Rights and the Arts by teaching one course each semester. The M.A. program, which launched in the 2021–22 academic year, explores the encounter between human rights and the arts as fields of academic knowledge, professional work, and artistic practice, while also offering students opportunities to explore ways of confronting the conceptual and practical perplexities of that encounter. The goal of the fellowship program is to support outstanding thinkers and practitioners and thus to strengthen research, creation, and teaching at the intersection of human rights and the arts. During the 2024–2025 academic year, the Fellow will focus their research or practice on the intersection of human rights and the arts, and work as part of a team of faculty and students in the Center.

## **7) Invitation to Participate in the 2nd Edition of Advanced Russian through History**

Scholars who are native speakers of Russian are invited to contribute to a new edition of the textbook, “Advanced Russian through History,” which will be expanded to include perspectives of cultures occupied by the Russian Empire, Soviet Union, and/or Russian Federation. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Publications

### 1. Foundations of Russian Law (Hart, 2023)

The main achievement of our team is the publication of the foundational text - Foundations of Russian Law (Hart, 2023), edited by Professor Muravyeva.

Buy or access your copy here: <https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/foundations-of-russian-law-9781782256496/>.

This accessible text explains how Russian law works in all its principal areas. It elucidates the main concepts and frameworks behind Russian law, and uses original legal sources and case law to explain how it operates in practice. The contributors, all of whom are leading experts on Russian law, employ original research to further knowledge of the Russian legal profession, legal culture, judiciary and court systems, providing a scholarly and practical account of Russian law for students and scholars alike. It is essential reading for anyone seeking a deeper understanding of the subject.

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15. Criminal Law and Procedure, *Gennadii Esakov (Institute of State and Law, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia)*

2. Special Issue of Russian Politics - "Authoritarian States in Human Rights Institutions: Russia and the Council of Europe", forthcoming early 2024, edited by Jeffrey Kahn. Articles by Jeffrey Kahn, Marianna Muravyeva, Yuliya Brin and Dmitry Kursonov are part of the issue.
3. Special issue of the Journal of Family Violence - Queering Family Violence - edited by Marianna Muravyeva and Alexander Kondakov is available online - <https://link.springer.com/collections/gafjhcgabf>. The hardcopy of the issue will be available early 2024.