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The second edition of Jane Henderson's book on the Russian Constitution should be out soon. Check the link: <https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/constitution-of-the-russian-federation-9781509935574/>

Courses in Russian Law at UH

GGL-410 Russian Legal System and Governance 5 cr

Lectures, **19/9–30/9/2022**

The course examines development of Russian legal system in the context of comparative law. The aim of this course in its most general sense is to encourage understanding of a foreign system of law, Russian legal system, which developed under very complex historical and ideological influences but has a lot in common with other civil law systems. The focus is on the development of the legal system, and some specific branches of law, with consideration of various issues that have arisen in Russia's aspiration to change from an authoritarian regime to a rule-of-law state.

The course is designed to provide an in-depth discussion and critical thinking on a number of legal issues Russia is currently facing. Therefore, students are strongly encouraged to prepare for classes,

to acknowledge themselves with recommended literature before the course start and before each class.

Enrolment has started: <https://studies.helsinki.fi/courses/cur/hy-opt-cur-2223-5ecba349-a159-4f6e-a2fb-254ce0058e83>

GGI-411 Human Rights: Global and Regional Challenges for Russia 5 cr

Lectures, **17/10–28/10/2022**

This course introduces students to human rights protection in Russia from an interdisciplinary perspective. In the course, we will examine how human rights can still be protected when the Russian government is increasingly critical of international law. We will particularly focus on three main issues: 1. how human rights are understood and constructed; 2. how Russia has built national human rights institutions; 3. how Russia interacts with international human rights institutions such as the European Court of Human Rights and the Council of Europe.

The course will enable students to critically reflect upon a) the relation between political reform and human rights violations and b) the strategies of human rights defense in a semi-authoritarian political system. Students of law will learn to analyze key human rights issues through theories of social change, activism, public interest litigation, and social movement theory. The course will furthermore enhance students' understanding of how lawyers make difficult choices: whom to represent when funding is scarce and how to deal with harassment and legal obstacles. Students will also learn how familiar legal strategies such as strategic litigation, international litigation, and legal mobilization operate within the Russian context. Through class discussions students should develop a critical understanding of human rights practice versus human rights law. The final essay will enhance students' ability to write a critical essay about a current human rights issue.

Course page and enrolment: <https://studies.helsinki.fi/courses/cur/hy-opt-cur-2223-6056d883-b872-4adf-89b4-d3fbd6fe1ea9>

New open access book: Violent Affections: Queer sexuality, techniques of power, and law in Russia (UCL Press)

UCL Press is delighted to announce the publication of a new open access book that may be of interest to list subscribers: Violent Affections: Queer sexuality, techniques of power, and law in Russia by Alexander Sasha Kondakov.

Violent Affections: Queer sexuality, techniques of power, and law in Russia

Alexander Sasha Kondakov

Free download: <https://bit.ly/3PNg5pE>

Violent Affections uncovers techniques of power that work to translate emotions into violence against queer people. Based on analysis of over 300 criminal cases of anti-queer violence in Russia before and after the introduction of 'gay propaganda' law, the book shows how violent acts are framed in emotional language by perpetrators during their criminal trials. It then utilises an original methodology of studying 'legal memes' and argues that these individual affective states are directly connected to the political violence aimed at queer lives more generally.

The main aim of Violent Affections is to explore the social mechanisms and techniques that impact anti-queer violence evidenced in the reviewed cases. Alexander Sasha Kondakov expands upon two sets of interdisciplinary literature – queer theory and affect theory – in order to conceptualise what is referred to as neo-disciplinary power. Taking the empirical observations from Russia as a starting

point, he develops an original explanation of how contemporary power relations are changing from those of late modernity as envisioned by Foucault's Panopticon to neo-disciplinary power relations of a much more fragmented, fluid and unstructured kind – the Memeticon.

The book traces how exactly affections circulate from body to body as a kind of virus and eventually invade the body that responds with violence. In this analytic effort, it draws on the arguments from memetics – the theory of how pieces of information pass on from one body to another as they thrive to survive by continuing to resonate. This work makes the argument truly interdisciplinary.

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Post Soviet Legal Choices Talk 1 September 21st

Post-Soviet Legal Choices Talk 1
Introduction to Post-Soviet Legal Choices: What Have We Learned in the Past 30 Years?
21 September- 16:30-18 (Helsinki time)
Zoom

For event registration and information go to:
<https://forms.gle/oUrXem5f>

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Putin's ongoing aggression against Ukraine has made us all re-think the role of our scholarship and research in current events as well as to reflect on what topics, issues and themes have been overlooked or marginalized. Post-Soviet Legal Choices Talks is a new series of Talks, in which the main focus is on post-soviet legal developments in the former USSR republics- now independent states. In this inaugural talk we will be discussing legal transformations of the past 30 years in both public and private law as well as how legal tradition and history were revived, receipted, and used as a foundation for new legal order.

Development of Russian Law
Aleksanteri Institute, University of Helsinki

The Development of Russian Law Team is starting Post-Soviet Legal Choices Talks: a new series of Talks, in which the main focus is on post-soviet legal developments in the former USSR republics- now independent states. The first Talk will take place on 21 September 2022 16:30-18 (Helsinki time) Via Zoom.

Registration:

Please register for the event via this form: <https://forms.gle/oUrXem5fRUz2HPDp8>

Event Description:

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Open Positions and Applications

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GRANT OPPORTUNITY: Galina Starovoitova Fellowship on Human Rights and Conflict Resolution

The Kennan Institute is pleased to announce the 2022 competition for the Galina Starovoitova Fellowship on Human Rights and Conflict Resolution. Detailed information about the grant is below, and more information about all opportunities can be found [HERE](#).

[Galina Starovoitova Fellowship](#) - Deadline: September 15, 2022

The Starovoitova Fellowship is available to scholars, policy makers, journalists, civic activists, and other engaged persons who successfully bridge the worlds of ideas and public affairs to advance human rights and conflict resolution. For academic participants, eligibility is limited to the postdoctoral level, and normally it is expected that academic candidates will have demonstrated their scholarly development by publication beyond the Kandidat dissertation. This fellowship is restricted to citizens of the Russian Federation residing either in or outside of Russia at the time of application.

Please send all questions and application materials to kennan@wilsoncenter.org.

Call For Junior Fellows LIAS from UNA Europa Institutions Deadline October 1st

Leuven Institute for Advanced Studies (LIAS) gathers scientific insights on major societal challenges, based on international and interdisciplinary discussion between leading researchers. This interaction sets out to overcome and transcend traditional disciplinary thinking. LIAS is now launching a junior fellows programme specifically for advanced Ph.D. students, postdocs or junior faculty members (tenure track) of Una Europa Universities. Within the LIAS project three focus-themes are highlighted round the stay of the senior fellows:

- Journalism and reporting
- Artificial Intelligence and Media
- (European) Regulation and Policy Framework

LIAS will cover all travel and hotel costs for junior fellows for a stay up to 14 days in Leuven with a maximum of € 1,000 for the total stay. **Call is open and the DL to apply is 1 October 2022.**

MORE INFORMATION:

Please check [LIAS's website](#) and [call details](#).

Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) Swiss Postdoctoral Fellowships Deadline December 1st

The call for Swiss Postdoctoral Fellowships (SPF) 2022 is **open (deadline 01 December 2022)**. The Swiss Postdoctoral Fellowships offer the opportunity for experienced researchers (PhD < 8 years) to secure their own funding. Mobility is key to the Swiss Postdoctoral Fellowships. Therefore, the SPFs are open to researchers who have lived and worked in Switzerland for no longer than 12 months in the 3 years prior to the call deadline.

MORE INFORMATION:

Please find the call [details here](#).

Call for Proposals- NOS-HS Project Grants Deadline November 15

A new call for proposals for The Joint Committee for Nordic research councils in the Humanities and Social Sciences (NOS-HS) Project Grants is now open. Available budget is NOK 45 million and the call deadline is 15 November 2022. The NOS-HS-Project Grant Call is an open call for bottom-up curiosity-driven research within the humanities and social sciences. The call aims to provide an opportunity for early-career researchers (2-7 years) to build Nordic networks, and to promote Nordic added value in research.

MORE INFORMATION:

Please check NordForsk's [website](#) and [full call text here](#).