International Conference

“Migration and International Law”

September 19–21, 2018
Moscow
Today one of the most complex global issues is agreeing on a single approach towards regulating migration, since migration itself is one of the most complex, diverse and controversial problems. International conventions and agreements, such as the UN Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees (1951) and International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families, albeit being a breakthrough in the 20th century, has now encountered serious problems with their enforcement. The European migration crisis of 2015-2016 clearly demonstrated collisions between the norms of international and national law, migration law and its enforcement, moral and ethical and rational imperatives. Nevertheless there is a clear demand for agreeing on a single approach towards regulating transnational migration flows, which was demonstrated by the IOM accession into the UN structure.

National governments clearly understand they lack capacities in regulating migration flows; however, all current efforts in the legal sphere on global and macroregional levels are insufficient. There is growing demand for revising the crucial legislation regulating international migration. For example, the decision of Angela Merkel to suspend the Dublin Agreement has sparked the ongoing debates on whether this mechanism can meet the current challenges for Europe. Another serious issue for the largest recipient countries is the problem of differentiating migrant groups in the context of providing them with basic economic, social and political rights.

The conference is aimed at analyzing the migration law not only from the formal, but also from broader – political and philosophic points of view, bringing together the leading Russian and international experts. What moral imperatives are behind the international and domestic migration law? What are the collisions that come from implementing international law in nation states? What are the best mechanisms for securing the right of different migrant groups? How does regional economic integration affect migration regulation of its member-states?
# Program of the Conference
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## SEPTEMBER WEDNESDAY 19

**Presentation of an ICRC study**
«Displacement in times of armed conflict: How international humanitarian law protects in war, and why it matters»

*Venue: «Humanitarium» of the Regional Delegation of the ICRC for the Russian Federation, Belarus and Moldova (Grokhol’skiy pereulok, 13/1)*

*Working languages: Russian, English (simultaneous interpreting)*

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10:00–11:00  Opening/Plenary Session

**Moderator:** Ivan Timofeev,
Director of Programs, Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC)

**Keynote Speakers:**
- Andrey Kortunov,
Director General, Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC)
- Valentina Kazakova,
Deputy Head, Migration Department, Ministry of the Interior of the Russian Federation
- Vladimir Mau,
Rector, Russian Academy of National Economy and Public Administration
- Magne Barth,
Head, Regional Delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) for the Russian Federation, Belarus and Moldova
- Vladimir Malakhov,
Director, Center for Political Theory and Applied Political Science, Russian Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA)
- Oleg Malginov,
Director, Department for Relations with Compatriots Abroad, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
- Aleshka Simkic,
Deputy Head, Delegation of the European Union to Russian Federation
- Anne-Elisabeth Ravetto,
Head, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Representation in Russia
- Julia Melnichouk,
Labor Migration Policy Officer, IOM, Moscow

**Questions and Answers**

11:00–12:30  Session 1: Global Migration Governance

- What is the institutional design of contemporary global migration governance?
- What is the process of human rights-based migration governance and protection of migrants on global and macro-regional levels?
- How did the IOM integration into the UN influence the global migration governance design?
- Do international organizations have effective mechanisms of compliance enforcement?
- How does Russia participate in global migration governance?
## Session 1. Regulating Migration: National and International Law

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- What is the source of collisions between international and national law with regard to migration issues?
- Dividing migration flows: the case of labor migration and refugees in national law systems
- What institutional factors affect legal enforcement in recipient countries?
- How do global migration governance and regional integration affect national law?
- What is the balance between national and international law in Russia's migration policy context?

**Moderator:** Vyacheslav Postavnin, President, Migration 21st Century Foundation

**Keynote Speakers:**
- Violeta Vagner, Senior Project Manager, International Center for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD, Vienna)
- Olga Gulina, Director, Institute for Migration Policy (Berlin)

**Discussion:** Irina Ivakhnyuk, Professor, member, Global Migration Policy Associates (GMPA)
Questions and Answers

Coffee break

16:00–16:15

Coffee break

Session 3. Legal Regulation of International Labor Migration

• How does the policy-making process of migrant’s labor rights protection look on global and macro-regional levels?
• Inequality of access to social, economic and political right of different migrant groups
• From labor migrants to citizens: what are the naturalization strategies for specific migrant groups in modern industrial countries?
• What are the most effective institutions in protecting the labor rights of migrants?
• Labor rights of migrants in Russia in the context of regional economic integration

Moderator:
Irina Ivakhnyuk,
Professor, Member, Global Migration Policy Associates (GMPA)

Keynote Speakers:
Victor Dyatlov,
Professor, Department of World History and International Relations, Irkutsk State University; Director, Research center “Inner Asia”

Bernard Ryan,
Professor of Migration Law, University of Leicester (UK)

Discussion:
Yulia Florinskaya,
Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Social Analysis and Forecasting, Russian Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA)

Dmitry Poletaev,
Director, Center for Migration Studies; Senior Research Fellow, Institute of National Economy Forecasting, Russian Academy of Science (RAS)

Valentina Chupik,
Executive Director, Tong Jahoni Foundation

Questions and Answers

Closing remarks

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09:30–10:00  Registration, welcome coffee

10:00–12:00  Session 4. Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs): Applicable Legal Frameworks

- Who are refugees and IDPs, and what are the legal frameworks applicable to each category?
- What kind of protection is afforded to refugees and IDPs?
- What are the tendencies in international legal regulation of status of refugees and asylum seekers?
- How is the situation with protection of refugees and IDPs in the Russian Federation?

Moderator:  Svetlana Kosmakova,
Migration Program Officer, Regional Delegation of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) for the Russian Federation, Belarus and Moldova

Keynote Speakers:
- Helen Cecilia Obregon Gieseken,
Legal Adviser, Legal Division, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) HQ
- Svetlana Gannushkina,
Head, “Migration and Law” Network, Human rights center “Memorial”
- Alla Yastrebova,
Professor, Department of International Law, Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russian Federation

Discussion:
- Natalia Zaibert,
Director, Information and Consultancy Center on Migration Legislation, Saint-Petersburg Office, Russian Red Cross
- Madina Chedzhemova,
Assistant Legal Officer, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Representation in Russia
- Dmitry Ivanov,
Associate Professor, Department of International Law, MGIMO University

Questions and Answers

12:00–13:00  Lunch

13:00–15:00  Session 5. Moral Aspects and Ethics of Legal Regulation of International Migration

- What are the moral aspects behind the basic international treaties on protecting the migrant’s rights?
- Why is it impossible to ignore the philosopho-legal arguments in migration policy-making?
• Are there moral arguments in favor of “closed doors” policy in the context of globalization?
• Political power and civil society amidst “migration crises”: altruistic and egoist rationality
• “Moral obligation” in migration policy: refugees, asylum seekers and compatriots

**Moderator:** Vladimir Malakhov,  
Director, Center for Political Theory and Applied Political Science, Russian Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA)

**Keynote Speakers:**  
Lidiya Grafova,  
Head, Executive Committee, Forum of Migrant Organizations  
David Owen,  
Professor of Social and Political Philosophy, University of Southampton (UK)  
Ben Hayes,  
Research Fellow, Transnational Institute (Netherlands); Researcher, Peace Research Institute (Oslo); Director, Data Protection Support & Management Ltd.; Data Protection Legal Adviser, ICRC Data Protection Office

**Discussion:**  
Konstantin Troitskiy,  
Staff member, Committee “Civic Assistance”  
Daniil Kashnitskiy,  
Research Fellow, Institute of Social Policy, National Research University Higher School of Economics  
Alexander Osipov,  
Research Fellow, European Center for Minority Issues (Germany)

**Questions and Answers**

- **15:00–15:30** Presentation of the results of the joint project of Saint-Petersburg State University and Higher School of Social Work of Geneva (Haute école de travail social de Genève, HETS) on a multiservice center of training in the field of social work with migrants  
  **Keynote Speakers:** Alexander Kuteynikov,  
  Project Manager, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology of Political and Social Processes, Saint-Petersburg State University

**Questions and Answers**

- **15:30–16:00** Closing remarks