

IV International Scientific and Practical Conference of
Young Scientists



FEDERALISM IN THE
CONTEMPORARY PUBLIC LAW

General information

- The conference is organised by [the Federalist Discussion Club](#) and partner student organisations;
- The conference will take place from 8 to 17 November 2021;
- The format of the conference is mixed (face-to-face and online);
- Young scientists under 35 years of age who are interested in federalism are eligible to take part in the conference;
- Conference languages: Russian, English.

Conference sections

- History and theory of federalism
- Constitutional problems of federalism and local self-government in the Russian Federation
- Fiscal federalism
- Federalism and security
- Comparative federalism
- Federalism in law and practice
- European and Eurasian integration

Section «History and Theory of Federalism»

The work of the section is devoted to historical (defunct) federations as well as the synthesis of global federalism practices within the framework of federalism theory.

Indicative list of questions for the topics of the articles:

- Ancient federations, the nature of amphictyony;
- Medieval federations, their comparative analysis;
- Federations of the Modern Age;
- Soviet federalism: pros and cons;
- The Causes of the Emergence and Disintegration of Federations, Critique of W. Riker's Theory;
- The Correlation of the Form of Government and Political Regime with the Federal Structure of the State;
- History of Federalist Thought, Federalism in the History of Political and Legal Doctrine;
- Problems of federal systems classification;
- Theory of Federalism and other fields of knowledge (political science, economics, philosophy, theology, etc.);
- The Islamic concept of federalism;
- Unitarianism, Regionalism, Federalism, Confederalism - where do the boundaries lie?

Section «Constitutional Problems of Federalism and Local Self-Government in the Russian Federation»

The work of the section is devoted to current problems of Russian federalism and local self-government in the legislation, law enforcement practice and the doctrine.

Indicative list of questions for the topics of the articles:

- The experience of constitutional reform one year on: new and old problems;
- The system of state authorities vs unified system of public authority;
- A modern view of the national question in Russia;
- State structure of Russia in program documents of political parties;
- Problems of distribution of competencies between the Russian Federation and its subjects;
- Problems of federal representation in the Russian Federation;
- The experience of the federal territory "Sirius" for further development of the institution of federal territories;
- Political and legal problems of reforming the state structure of the Russian Federation in the future.

Section «Fiscal federalism»

The panel discusses legal, economic, geographical and political aspects of fiscal federalism in state-building practice.

Indicative list of questions for the topics of the articles:

- Fiscal federalism as an economic category, history of the generations of fiscal federalism;
- The impact of fiscal federalism on the distribution of competence;
- Financial equalization in federal states: comparative economic and legal analysis, problems of reforming, alternatives;
- Centre and Regional Finance: Transfers, Subsidies, Sanctions;
- Organization and Functioning of Fiscal Systems in Federal States;
- OECD Database on Fiscal Decentralisation;
- The role of local finance in fiscal federalism.

Section «Federalism and Security»

The panel discusses the challenges facing modern federal states.

Indicative list of questions for the topics of the articles:

- Comparative analysis of unitary, regional and federal states under the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Federalism vs COVID-19;
- Possible threats to public security in a federal state and ways to address them;
- The financial side of separatism: where do the supporters of secession get their money from; What financial means can a federation use to hold the territory?
- The financial security of the federal state and ways of dealing with a financial crisis at the federal, regional and local levels;
- Causes of separatism and legal ways to counter it.

Section «Comparative Federalism»

The work of the section focuses on a comparative analysis of political, legal, economic and social features of existing federations.

Indicative list of questions for the topics of the articles:

- Regional comparative studies (European federations, Latin American federations, African federalism, Asian federalism, federalism in island states, post-Soviet federalism);
- Institutional studies (distribution of competences, federal representation, organisation of branches of power, organisation of power at the regional level);
- Comparative analysis of federal and regional states;
- The national question and Federal State-building;
- Non-democratic Federations: Common and Specific, Specifics of Power Transition;
- Comparative analysis of federalism models (dualistic, cooperative, competitive, etc.);
- The influence of constitutional control bodies on the practice of federalism;
- The impact of federalism on local self-government;
- Problems of federalisation, secession, autonomy and asymmetry.

Section «Federalism in Law and Practice»

The work of the section examines the impact of the federal structure of a state on its constitutional and sectoral legislation and judicial decisions.

Indicative list of questions for the topics of the articles:

- Sub-national constitutional law, constitutional control in constituent members;
- Formal and substantive differences in the norms of branches of law in a federal state;
- Codification problems in federal states;
- Sub-national legal systems: common and specific;
- Human rights law in a federal state.

Section «European and Eurasian Integration»

The work of the section deals with the political and legal nature of regional integration processes on the Eurasian continent, as well as their comparative analysis.

Indicative list of questions for the topics of the articles:

- The doctrine of counter-limits in EU Member State jurisprudence: essence and prospects;
- Brexit lessons: legal problems of implementation, legal perspectives for the EU;
- PESCO: political and legal perspectives and strategic potential;
- Prospects for the EU reform in view of financial and political problems;
- "Europe of different speeds" as a dilemma of asymmetry;
- The Legal Systems of the EU and the Council of Europe: Will there be a Conflict?
- The role of the hegemonic country in the course of regional integration (EU, EAEU);
- Comparative institutional analysis of the EU and the EAEU;
- Problems and prospects of Eurasian integration: common catalogue of human rights, common financial policy, common currency, problems of institutional development;
- EAEU: the role of EU experience, the legacy of the Soviet Union and the impact of global trends.

Section work format

- The session is broadcast live on the channel
- The rapporteur makes a presentation (7 minutes);
- Invited experts and other participants ask questions to the speaker (5-10 minutes);
- Ask the Speaker questions;
- The section is open to all who wish to participate in the format with or without a paper;
- The texts of the best articles will be published in the conference proceedings.

Participation in the conference

- Each participant must [fill out an application](#) and submit a paper by 24 October 2021;
- By completing the application form each participant will get access to all sections of the conference;
- Participation with papers in more than one section is allowed;
- Co-authored papers are allowed.

Article requirements

- Office Word text file;
- 12 TNR font;
- Single line spacing;
- Citation style – Vancouver; page numbering below the main text;
- The article should contain a title (title of the topic);
- The volume of the article: no less than 10 pages, no more than 20 pages;
- The bibliography is not provided at the end of the article.

Information resources

A link to a folder with useful literature:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Eqw_wy_XXANMENFcZfZJNB1my_N7Wq3M?usp=sharing

Contact e-mail: federalist.club@gmail.com

A link to the application for participation is available here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd7zXFtlmwa-qiSuRKKkbBCVQOMVuBqnxYcayShiiyrVURYYPQ/viewform>

