

On March 26, 2021, RUDN University Law Institute held the International Scientific and Practical Conference “RUDN Conference on Legal Theory, Methodology and Regulatory Practice” (RUDN LTMRP Conference 2021).

This scientific event follows the conference series “Zhidkov Readings” held in 2006–2017, as well as three conferences “Law as a Phenomenon of Civilization and Culture” held in 2018–2020 at the Faculty of Law of RUDN University (currently Law Institute of RUDN University).

Based on the results of each Conference, a collection of reports is published, indexed in the national bibliographic science citation database (RSCI). The proceedings of the previous conferences have already been published on the portal of the electronic scientific library elibrary.ru. The 2021 conference has become one of the most representative in the history of this event. More than 150 scientists from different countries of the world submitted applications for participation in the Conference. This global interest in the Conference is determined by the significance of the discussed tasks in the current difficult period in the life of the entire international community.

Starting a new stage in the development of the scientific platform that has united hundreds of scientists in the field of theory and philosophy of law, historical and legal research, comparative legal studies, and methodology of legal science, the organizers decided to pay due respect to the subject area of previous conferences. Therefore, the subtopic of the scientific meeting in 2021 is “Law as a Phenomenon of Civilization and Culture”.

The new conference format aims to deeper integrate Russian research and the scientific potential of RUDN University into the international scientific community. This is also required by the status of RUDN University as an internationally oriented university. In this regard, the planned series of annual scientific events will focus on fundamental legal issues problems that are relevant in the current international research agenda.

The Conference aimed to discuss the prospects for introducing theoretical innovations into legislation and law enforcement practice with due regard for the socio-cultural specifics of societies and states, cultural compatibility of legal models borrowed by some legal orders from others.

The 2021 Conference included three sections: 1) Modern legal studies: search for methodological foundations; 2) Sociocultural approach in legal studies; 3) Modern trends in the development of law enforcement practice.

In the first section, the participants discussed the methodological foundations of classical and postclassical legal studies, interdisciplinary legal studies, the methodological significance of practice-oriented comparative studies, as well as the relevance of historical and cultural research of legal phenomena.

In the second section, it was proposed to discuss the use of the category of “legal culture” in legal studies, the typology of legal cultures, regularities in the development of legal cultures in various epochs, the functions of legal culture, and the specifics of national legal cultures.

In the third section, the participants discussed the problems of interaction of private law subjects with public authorities in the context of legislative reforms, trends in the evolution of procedural legal regulation related to the development of alternative ways of resolving legal conflicts, and complex branches of law.

The results of scientific research conducted by graduate students on the issues of the theory and methodology of law and law enforcement practice were also presented at the Conference.

All this shows the relevance of the issues considered during the Conference, which require serious scientific study.

The participants in the Conference discussed a wide range of scientific issues. Scientists from different countries of the world presented their reports: Russia, Brazil, Nicaragua, Mongolia, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republics of Kazakhstan and Tajikistan.

The members of the Organizing and Program Committees of the Conference were such scientists as Muromtsev Gennady Illarionovich, Doctor of Law, Professor of the Department of Theory of Law and State at the Law Institute of RUDN University (Russian Federation), Ekimov Anisim Ivanovich, Honored Lawyer of the Russian Federation, Doctor of Law, Professor of the Department of Civil Law of the Faculty of Economics and Law at Plekhanov Russian University of Economics (Russian Federation), Vlasenko Nikolai Aleksandrovich, Honored Lawyer of the Russian Federation, Doctor of Law, Professor, Professor of the Department of Theory of Law and State at the Law Institute of RUDN University (Russian Federation), Doctor Sofoklis Yanni Sofokli, Ph.D. in Law, Counselor of the Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus in the USSR and Russian Federation (retired) (Republic of Cyprus), Ebulfez Süleymanli, Professor, Doctor of Sociology, Professor at Üsküdar University (Turkey), Khudoydodzoda Farrukh Begijon, Professor, Doctor of Philosophy, Head of the Department of Ontology and Gnoseology, Tajic National University (Republic of Tajikistan), Sharipova Erkaiym, Doctor of Philosophy, Professor of the Department of Philosophy, Osh State University, Head of the Association of Philosophers of Kyrgyzstan (Republic of Kyrgyzstan), Kurmanalieva Ainur Durbelinovna, Professor, Doctor of Philosophy, Head of the Department of Religious and Cultural Studies, al-Farabi Kazakh National University (Republic of Kazakhstan).

The coordinated work of the organizing committee and speakers during the Conference made it possible to find a solution to many complex scientific issues and problems.