

## WELCOME

### INTERDISCIPLINARY ASSOCIATION OF COMPARATIVE AND PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW WELCOME NOTE

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The *Russian Law Journal* was founded in 2013 and is the first academic legal journal published in English in Russia. The Journal is not limited to contributions on recent developments in Russian law, but extends to other legal systems. It is addressed to scholars from all over the world in order to provide for a platform of discussion of academic legal scholarship between Russia and other countries.

This approach is to be welcomed and deserves attention. Intellectual exchange between legal scholars is the first step to mutual understanding and to the creation of academic networks. Comparative law scholars working outside Russia are keen to learn more about the legal developments in Russia and scholars in Russia are interested in being informed on current trends in other jurisdictions.

The goal of the *Russian Law Journal* is very ambitious indeed. First of all, the Journal is addressed to scholars (primarily 'law in the books'); secondly, the future will show whether and how academic exchange might influence mutual co-operation, and thus possibly also influence practice ('law in action'). Although such need is widely recognized, global experience demonstrates that scholarly work depends on support by various sources enabling the preparation and publication of each volume. Last but not least, all branches of law are included in this endeavor. This requires an input from experts in the various fields of law and, in addition, a well-balanced publication policy. The tasks and burdens of editors are a continuous challenge and constitute a considerable part of their daily work also for the years to follow.

I wish the *Russian Law Journal* an enduring success, nurtured by first rate contributions that contribute to an academic dialogue between legal scholars from all over the world.