



Saint Petersburg University

XXIV International Students Law Conference

iSLaCo'2025

*«BRICS+ Law in the Post-Globalisation
Context»*

April 11-12, 2025



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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Saint Petersburg University invites undergraduate and graduate students to take part in the International Students Law Conference (iSLaCo) on the topic "BRICS+ Law in the Post-Globalisation Context.

The Conference is scheduled on the 11-12th of April and will be held offline at the Faculty of Law of St. Petersburg State University. Online participation is allowed in exceptional cases under prior approval of the Organizing Committee.

The following formats of participation in the Conference are available:

- as a speaker in the discussion section
- as a listener

Languages used during the Conference: Russian, English.

Organizers reserve the right to select works for publication independently based on oral presentations and submitted materials.

At the end of the Conference, all participants will get certificates and diplomas for participation in iSLaCo'2025. Information about other conference prizes will be published on the Conference's social networks.

II. PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION SECTIONS

Participation in one of the sections of the iSLaCo involves preparation of abstracts of the report based on one of the topics proposed in the description for each section. After submitting the abstracts of the report to the Organizing Committee, each work undergoes a competitive selection, on the basis of which a list of participants of the final round of each section is determined and published.

Main dates of the Conference for speakers:

Opening of registration for participants and acceptance of abstracts	December the 10th, 2025
Deadline of the registration and submission of abstracts	February the 17th, 2025
Publication of the list of participants who have successfully passed the selection	March the 7th, 2025
Final presentation of the report at the Conference	April the 11-12th, 2025

The following sections are scheduled to be included in the conference programme:

1. Constitutional Economics in the Context of the BRICS Vector (abstracts for the section are accepted only in Russian)

Section Moderators:

Sergey Alexandrovich Belov, Dean of the Faculty of Law of SPbU, Professor of the Department of Constitutional Law, Head of the Department of Constitutional Law of SPbU, PhD in Juridical Science;

Mikhail Arkadyevich Revazov, Lecturer at the Faculty of law of SPbU, PhD in Juridical Science.

Section Description:

The foundational principle enshrined in the preamble of the Russian Federation's Constitution – the affirmation of Russia's multinational population as an integral component of the global community – presents a compelling and enduring questions: What is the precise substantive meaning of this declaration, and what are its attendant implications for the interactions of Russian entities within the broader framework of international relations?

The global community, as widely recognized, operates largely upon the principles of economic exchange, with states strategically pursuing foreign policy objectives, including participation in international associations like BRICS, to maximise national economic benefits. However, even within the realm of foreign policy decision-making, a state's actions are not unfettered; it remains irrevocably bound by the constitutional obligations it has undertaken.

Insightful contributions exploring the potential limitations on the foreign economic activities of the BRICS countries, viewed through the indispensable lens of safeguarding citizens' constitutional rights, particularly those of a social and economic nature are heartily invited. Participants are encouraged to conduct a detailed analysis of the Russian context, enriched by a comparative perspective that incorporates the legal systems of other BRICS countries.

2. Investment Arbitration: Today and Tomorrow (abstracts for the section are accepted only in English)

Section Moderators:

Daria Aleksandrovna Fatalieva, Assistant of the Department of Theory and History of State and Law of SPbU;

Anna Bogdanovna Gavkalyuk, Lawyer of the “Monastyrsky, Zyuba, Stepanov & Partners”.

Section Description:

Investment arbitration as a mechanism for the dispute resolution between foreign investors and host States serves as a safeguard for investors' interests and helps to attract foreign investment. At the same time, although BRICS member states have a number of economic characteristics, including abundance of resources, and are promising in terms of revenue generation, the investment arbitration institute in the region is undergoing a stage of development. The regulation of disputes between investors and states is heterogeneous, which also affects the volumes of foreign direct investments.

The participants of this section are invited to consider the most notable cases adjudicated in the territory of BRICS member countries in the last few years, to trace the emerging trends in dispute resolution practices, to consider the need for establishment of separate investment arbitration in the territory of BRICS member countries, its commitment to the ideology of investor protection or state, to establish separate special rules or regulations for such arbitration, other pertinent issues currently affecting investment arbitration in the BRICS context and its future trajectory.

3. Intellectual Property Law in the BRICS Countries **(abstracts for the section are accepted in Russian or in English)**

Section Moderators:

Vladislav Vladimirovich Arkhipov, Professor of the Department of Theory and History of State and Law, Head of the Department of Theory and History of State and Law of SPbU, Doctor of Juridical Science;

Anastasia Vyacheslavovna Gracheva, Lecturer at the Faculty of Law of SPbU.

Section Description:

Intellectual property is commonly called the oil of the XXI century. Authors, inventors and other creators and intellectuals are motivated to contribute to the progress as their creations can be protected. Meanwhile, successful business is based inter alia on the reputation standing behind its brand and providing for multiplied profits.

Intellectual property market is now growing faster than the one for goods and services. The modern system of intellectual property rights regulation is the basis for social and economic cooperation among the BRICS members. Global intellectual property protection system and international cooperation in this field face new problems and challenges. The interaction of states within BRICS is one of the most effective ways to surmount them.

Participants are invited to conduct a comparative analysis of the intellectual property regulation in the participating states, to identify common trends specific to the countries of BRICS. It is also possible to consider the topics of cooperation between national intellectual property rights protection agencies within the framework of the BRICS IPO, the implementation of joint projects and initiatives.

Possible topics: “Harmonization of Legislation in the Field of Intellectual Property Protection: the Experience of the BRICS Countries”, “International Cooperation between the BRICS Countries in the Field of Intellectual Property Protection”, “Problems of Copyright and Trademark Protection in the BRICS countries”, “The Role of International Organizations (WIPO, WTO) in Protecting Intellectual Property in the BRICS Countries”, “Digital Economy and Intellectual Property: Challenges and Opportunities for the BRICS Countries”, “Combating Counterfeiting and Piracy in the BRICS Countries: Legislative Measures and Practical Solutions”.

4. Criminal Law of the BRICS Countries: Contemporary Challenges and the Search for Answers

(abstracts for the section are accepted only in Russian)

Section Moderators:

Elena Vladimirovna Suslina, Associate Professor of the Department of Criminal Law of SPbU, PhD in Juridical Science;

Evgenia Vladimirovna Ivanova, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Criminal Law of SPbU, PhD in Juridical Science.

Section Description:

The dynamic evolution of society, marked by shifting social norms and technological advancements, necessitates a continuous adaptation of legal frameworks to remain relevant and effective. This imperative is particularly acute in the realm of criminal law, the fundamental purpose of which is the preservation of public order and the protection of enshrined societal values. Each legislative amendment, each new edition of criminal codes, reflects an ongoing process of adjusting the legal framework to better address the complexities and evolving needs of contemporary society.

Simultaneously, the emergence of complex problems, often exceeding the resources of individual nation-states, underscores the critical importance of enhanced international cooperation in the field of criminal justice.

The discussion will concentrate on the innovations reshaping contemporary criminal law, examining prevailing trends in the reform and improvement of criminal legislation. The panel will investigate the transformative role of information technology, exploring the significant implications for the development of criminal law in the Russian Federation. The discussion will utilise a comparative approach, analysing these developments within the framework of the BRICS+ countries in order to assess the prospects for future cooperation among BRICS+ member states in the field of criminal law.

5. International Legal Cooperation: New Perspectives on the Old Issues

(abstracts for the section are accepted in Russian and in English)

Section Moderators:

Innokenty Igorevich Karandashov, Associate Professor of the Department of International Law, Acting Head of the Department of International Law of SPbU, PhD in Juridical Science;

Igor Stanislavovich Marusin, Professor of the Department of International Law of SPbU, Doctor of Juridical Science.

Section Description:

The evolution of relationships among nations, coupled with their increasing recognition of the necessity for socio-cultural and political-economic collaboration, has culminated in the establishment of a diverse array of treaties, including those pertaining to mutual legal assistance. Furthermore, the gradual emergence of various integration associations, such as the EAEC and the BRICS coalition (recently expanded to BRICS+) has become increasingly prominent in the international arena.

However, this prompts a series of pertinent inquiries regarding the future prospects for international legal cooperation among states. Are the problems that arise in such cooperation, not the result of approaches that in the context of contemporary realities require reform? What factors favour or hinder international legal cooperation of States? What lessons can be drawn from history in order

to make international legal cooperation between states more effective in the current global landscape? These critical questions will serve as the focal point of discussion for the participants in this section.

6. Globalisation vs. Post-Globalisation: Advantages and Disadvantages
SECTION FOR STUDENTS OF SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
(SCHOOLS, LYCEUMS, GYMNASIUMS)
(abstracts for the section are accepted only in Russian)

Section Moderators:

Iya Ilyinichna Osvetinskaya, Associate Professor of the Department of Theory and History of State and Law of SPbU, PhD in Juridical Science;

Vyacheslav Valeryevich Suyazov, Associate Professor of the Department of Theory and History of State and Law of SPbU, PhD in Juridical Science.

Section Description:

The phenomenon of globalisation has culminated in the establishment of a cohesive legal, political, socio-economic, and informational framework, wherein the various components function as integral elements of the global community. It is essential to recognize that globalisation, in and of itself, is neither beneficial nor detrimental; rather, it possesses an intrinsic ambivalence. This duality implies that globalisation can yield both advantageous outcomes - such as enhanced comfort and prosperity for societies - and detrimental consequences, including environmental catastrophes and the exacerbation of social inequalities.

The specific nature of the impacts of globalisation on any given state is largely contingent upon that state's capacity and willingness to harness the opportunities presented by globalisation. However, it is crucial to acknowledge that globalisation is characterised by asymmetry, for the extent to which states engage in its processes varies significantly from one nation to another.

Moreover, the globalisation process is increasingly accompanied by previously unobserved counter-trends, which can be described as anti-globalization movements. These phenomena include disintegration and fragmentation, as well as regionalisation and localisation. Collectively, these trends can be encapsulated under the term "post-globalization", which refers to a growing inclination among nation-states to eschew global standards in favour of preserving the unique characteristics of their national cultures. This shift often manifests in the formation of associations and collaborations at regional and local levels, rather than through overarching global frameworks.

This year young researchers are cordially invited to partake in an enriching dialogue centred on the positive and negative attributes of both globalisation and post-globalisation; to delve deeply into the significant ramifications that these phenomena have on diverse spheres of social life, exploring their implications across economic, cultural, political, and environmental dimensions. Particularly, we urge scholars to focus their inquiries on the critical involvement of legal institutions and mechanisms in these dynamic processes empowering states to unify the typical but preserve the unique foundation of society.

The Application Procedure for Participation in the Conference as a Speaker:

1. Choose the section you are interested in, prepare abstracts of your report.

Please, note that participation as a speaker is allowed only in one section. Abstracts may be written in co-authorship, but no more than two co-authors can participate with it.

2. Fill in the appropriate registration form at <https://islaco.spbu.ru>.

In case of writing a work in co-authorship, the registration form must be completed once, indicating that the abstracts of the report are prepared in co-authorship.

3. If you have not received a response letter from the Organizing Committee, check the status of your application by sending an email to the Committee.

4. The Organizing Committee reserves the right to refuse to accept an application for participation in case the abstracts of reports do not meet all the requirements of registration or do not match the declared topic of the section. In case the abstracts contain numerous spelling and punctuation errors, they will not be accepted either.

Competitive Selection

Abstracts are the subject to mandatory competitive selection before the presentation of an oral report on the days of the Conference. The main criteria for competitive selection:

- Correspondence of the abstracts of the report to the topic of the Conference and the section;
- Relevance and validity of the chosen problem;
- Qualitative statement of the legal position on the chosen problem;
- The use of scientific sources and (or) judicial practice;
- Independence (the reports of the participants are checked by the Anti-Plagiarism system, work with an indicator below 75% is not allowed).

The Organizing Committee reserves the right not to indicate the reasons of failure in the competitive selection.

Design Requirements for Abstracts

1. Max. volume of abstracts - 5 pages;
2. Font – Times New Roman;
3. Font size – 14;
4. Line spacing – 1,5;
5. Margins – 20 mm (all sides);
6. Paragraph indentation – 1,25;
7. Page width alignment;
8. Design of footnotes (font) – Times New Roman;
9. Design of footnotes (font size) – 10;

10. Page numbering – in the center, footer;
11. List of sources is not required;
12. Example of the name of the document: «Section № __. Tom Brown».
13. Example of design of abstracts - Annex №1 attached to the Information letter.

III. PARTICIPATION AS A LISTENER

It is allowed to participate offline as a listener during the discussion sections and master classes of the iSLaCo.

Participation as a speaker in a discussion section provides the right to visit other conference activities. Extra registration is not required.

Main Dates of the Conference for Listeners

Opening of registration of listeners	December 10, 2025
Closing of accepting applications from listeners	March 10, 2025
Publication of the list of listeners	March 18, 2025
Participation in the conference	April 11-12, 2025

The Application Procedure for Participation in the Conference as a Listener:

1. Fill in the appropriate registration form on the website: <https://islaco.spbu.ru>.
2. If you have not received a response letter from the Organizing Committee, check the status of your application by sending an email to the Committee.

IV. OTHER PARTICIPATION CONDITIONS

- Participation in the conference is free of charge;
- The organizers do not compensate the participants' expenses related to participation in the conference;
- Communication with the Organizing Committee of the Conference is carried out by e-mails specified in the registration forms. Messages sent to the specified e-mail addresses are considered delivered to the participants of the Conference;
- The Organizing Committee reserves the right to change and supplement the conditions of iSLaCo'25.

V. CONTACT INFORMATION

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