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International Space Law

Yuri M. Kolosov, Mariam R. Yuzbashyan Contribution of Russian (Soviet) Jurisprudence to Formation and Development of International Space Law (p. 12-34)

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Summary: Russian (Soviet) Lawyers contributed significantly to the formation and development of corpus juris spatialis. In particular, according to former Chairman of the UN Committee on the peaceful uses of outer space Ambassador Dr. Peter Jankowitsch, an eminent and active member of the Soviet (then Russian) delegation, a fine legal mind Dr. Yuri M. Kolosov offered many useful and constructive contributions, specifically to the drafting of corresponding legal instruments. These contributions were founded on his firm commitment to the preservation of space as an era of peaceful cooperation between states. Based on the historical overview of specific contributions and analysis of actual legal status of space-related organizations and projects with participation of Russia, such as INMARSAT, INTERSPUTNIK, COSPASSARSAT, International Space Station, GLONASS and Sea Launch, general recommendations and conclusions are made on the possible ways of overcoming the main actual legal challenges caused by space activities.

Keywords: contribution of Russian (Soviet) jurisprudence to formation and development of international space law; INMARSAT; INTERSPUTNIK; COSPAS-SARSAT; International Space Station; GLONASS; Sea Launch; universal comprehensive convention on international space law.

State and Jurisdiction

Alexander N. Vylegzhanin, Nadezhda A. Churilina *The Entitlement of a State to Jurisdictional Immunity under International Law* (p. 35-51)

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Summary: The article shows that the state immunity from the authority of another state, including the judicial, with various theoretical estimates, should be considered under the designated regulatory format as a principle of international law reflected in its main sources, primarily in the international custom. In an ambiguous understanding of this principle's content in national law and state practice the results of the work of the International Law Commission (draft articles on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property, 1991) and, especially, the elaboration of the United Nations Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property, 2004, have been undoubtedly positive. They have already been estimated as the initial regulatory balance between the guarantees of state immunity and the reasonability of protecting the economic actors' competitiveness as a fundamental value for the world economic development. Taking this into consideration the interpretation of state immunity rules by the International Court of Justice as the principal judicial organ of the United Nations has been investigated.

Keywords: state immunity; entitlement to immunity under international law; jurisdiction; acta jure imperii; acta jure gestionis; conventions on state immunity.

Diplomatic Law

Aslan H. Abashidze, Marianna V. Ilyashevich *Diplomatic Protection in Contemporary International Law* (p. 52-62)

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Summary: The article refers to international legal problems connected with the institution of diplomatic protection of States. It deals with the concept of diplomatic protection, conditions of its provision, and offers an analysis of the UN International Law Commission activities on the study of the topic, of the state practice, jurisprudence and international legal literature devoted to the subject. Special attention is paid to the problem of providing of diplomatic protection to a person who has the citizenship of more than one State.

Keywords: diplomatic protection; citizenship; “effective citizenship” principle; United Nations International Law Commission; international responsibility of states.

Amina A. Nagiyeva Diplomatic Protection of the “Bipadrids” – Persons with Dual Citizenship (p. 63-76)

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Summary: The article analyzes the issue focusing on two subjects: the legal status of persons with the nationality of two or more States (dual nationals) and the institution of diplomatic protection under existing customary and conventional international law and applicable national law. Particular attention is paid to the issue of diplomatic protection for dual nationals at the level of bilateral agreements. In the analysis of the institution of diplomatic protection for dual nationals considered the practice of litigation, which has a huge importance, as, tools for the determination of the applicable rules of international customary law.

Keywords: diplomatic protection; (bipadrids) dual nationals; a person with dual citizenship; the person with the citizenship of several countries; the principle of effective nationality; the principle of continuity of nationality; Nottebohm case.

International Labour Law

Anna I. Ivanchak The Terms of Attraction and Employment of Foreign Citizens: the Novelties in the Russian Legislation (p. 77-92)

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Summary: This article is dedicated to the amendments in the Federal law «Concerning the legal status of foreign citizens in the Russian Federation» (2002). The author analyzes statutory instruments that introduced changes to this fundamental act in 2014 and affected the employment of the foreign nationals in Russia. The author evaluates the effectiveness of the measures taken by the legislator in order to improve the procedure of recruitment of a foreign worker as well as to create more favorable conditions of utilization of foreign workforce in the context of the present economic, social and political situation.

Keywords: foreign worker; attraction and employment of foreign workers; authorization-based procedure of employment; patent; special treatment of foreign workers; highly skilled foreign specialists; status of an employer who uses foreign workforce.

International Customs Law

Natalia A. Vorontsova International Legal Rules of the Temporary Entry (Admission) of Goods into the Territory of States (p. 93 - 106)

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Summary: The multifaceted economic cooperation of States among themselves is not possible without the establishment of international rules of such cooperation in various areas. In order to promote the development of foreign trade, the States elaborate national legislation in such a manner that all procedures to be simple, easy for understanding, predictable and corresponding to generally accepted international standards. The article reviews international legal rules of movement of goods from one state to another on a transitory basis with the provision of exemption.

Keywords: movement of goods; temporary entry (admission) of goods; the Istanbul Convention on Temporary Admission; the Kyoto Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures; the Customs Code of the Customs Union; the Customs Code EU.

International and Domestic Law

Alexey A. Kostin, Oleg A. Malov *Legal Status of an Arbitral Institution in the Arbitral Process in Italy (p. 107 - 121)*

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Summary: The role of an arbitral institution in the arbitration process in Italy has been analyzed at the present study. Statutory regulation of creation and legal status of the institutions and contractual nature of their powers and obligations have been examined. Statutory regulation of functioning of the institutions and the legal status of their founding subjects has been briefly outlined. The main types of arbitral institutions have been exposed.

Keywords: arbitral institution; arbitral process; agreement to arbitrate; contract of administering arbitration; founding subjects of arbitral institution.

Olga N. Zimenkova, Elena V. Vershinina, Elena S. Burova *Reorganization through Consolidation and Merger of Joint Stock Companies in Russia and Business Corporations in the USA: Comparative Legal Analysis (p. 122-139)*

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Summary: The article presents a comparative analysis of the reorganization of joint stock companies in the Russian Federation and business corporations in the USA (state of Delaware) through consolidation and merger: it describes legal regime of the reorganization and outlines stages related to the reorganizational procedures under the Russian and USA law.

Keywords: reorganization; consolidation; merger; US corporate law; business corporations.

Elena V. Vershinina *Grounds of divorce in Russia and France: a Comparative Legal Analysis*
(p. 140-149)

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Summary: This article examines the legal regulation of the Institute of divorce in Russia and France, and carries out a comparative legal analysis of the grounds for divorce.

Keywords: divorce; grounds for divorce; divorce proceedings.

European Law

Yuliya V. Puzyreva *Russia – European Union: the Impact of the Restrictive Measures on the Development of Bilateral Relations* (p. 150-169)

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Summary: The article analyzes the current state of relations between the European Union and Russia, with a focus on the study of the causes, nature and consequences of the “freezing” bilateral co-operation, accompanied by the introduction of the European Union in respect of the Russian Federation set of restrictive measures and the application of the latest responses to protect their interests.

Keywords: the Russian Federation; the European Union; road maps; common spaces; “the sanctions policy” restrictive measures; the crisis in Ukraine.

Current Events

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