

EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

According to Decree of the President of the Russian Federation No 642 dated 01.12.2016 “On the Strategy of Scientific and Technological Development of the Russian Federation”, great challenges create significant risks for the society, economy, and public administration system. At the same time, they play an important role for the emergence of new opportunities for scientific and technological development of the Russian Federation.

When the scale and complexity of the problems become too serious, the applicable mechanisms of legal regulation cannot resolve them. The last 2 years have given us a lot of examples. The global spread of COVID-19 and other threats to normal life have revealed the necessity for a rapid response of States and their authorities to great internal and external challenges, including the growing threats of global pandemics, the increase of risks of new infections and return of disappeared ones; the increase in anthropogenic pressures on the environment; a qualitative change in the nature of global and local energy systems; new external threats to national security caused by increased international competition and conflicts, global and regional instability. Overcoming these and many other obstacles constitutes the purpose of improvement of the legal regulation.

Foreign countries and the Russian Federation solve, at first glance, the same problems in different ways, taking into account their own law enforcement experience and the national peculiarities of their legal systems. Thus, it is necessary to look at great challenges from the point of view of representatives of other jurisdictions.

The Issue of the Journal includes researches carried out by experienced lawyers and scientists from various States. The involvement of a large number of authors in Kutafin Law Review allows us to consider different opinions on the resolution of theoretical and practical problems.

This Issue includes scientific and research articles, the review of scientific events, comments and notes, and book reviews. Most of the authors paid special attention to the problems of various areas of National and International Law. It also includes papers devoted to the study of the

features of the development of integration associations, the international legal regulations in the field of environmental protection, the role of small States in integration projects in the Eurasian space, the legal regulation of technologies of artificial intelligence and robotics, integration processes within the Eurasian Economic Union.

These research papers constitute an important stage for the researches of law in the face of great challenges. The results of the studies could stimulate the development of different sides of legal systems of the other modern States, international organizations and international integration associations.

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