CHIEF EDITOR’S NOTE ON THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE RUSSIAN 1917 REVOLUTION

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The Russian Revolution of 1917 is a crucial event in the modern history of the world. It is a distinct turning point in world history. It changed not only the style of life in Russia, but also almost all important areas of life in the world.

Law and legislation are areas that were greatly influenced. The Bolsheviks declared many new principles of life, changing standards of work, land usage, family relations, national politics, international relations, justice, and more. Most of their declarations were attractive not just in Russia, but worldwide. Lawmakers across the globe could not ignore the new standards that were declared by the Bolsheviks and realized in Russia. To do otherwise would be to risk revolutions in their own countries. Consequently, the Russian Revolution had an influence in almost all the areas of law: constitutional, administrative, civil, civil procedural, family, labour, and criminal law.

In Russia, there were not many events in 2017 commemorating the 100th anniversary of the 1917 Revolution. In spite of the catastrophic consequences of the Revolution for Russia, we cannot pass over the event because it had huge effects for the law, and therefore we decided to devote this special issue of the Journal to this topic.