

## CONFERENCE REVIEW NOTES

### IV SIBERIAN LEGAL FORUM: STATE AND LAW IN THE CONTEXT OF GLOBAL CONSTRAINTS

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The Siberian Legal Forum, initiated by Tyumen State University in 2014, Tyumen, Western Siberia, Russia, is a unique, in-demand and vibrant intellectual discussion platform meant for comprehensive consideration of a broad range of challenging legal issues, including their comparative aspects within an international dimension and the current and new legal trends. The Forum encourages the exchange of academic and practice experiences, establishes and strengthens collaboration between national and international legal academia, experts and practitioners.

The first Siberian Legal Forum was hosted on 20 November 2014 by the Institute of State and Law, University of Tyumen and since then it has become the leading biennial event held on a regular basis, and has evolved into a broad framework of discussion marked by significant legal integrity.<sup>1</sup>

Sustaining the success of the preceded three Forums, the forth-biennial Siberian Legal Forum (hereinafter “SLF”) was hosted jointly by the University of Tyumen and the *BRICS Law Journal* at the Institute of State and Law, University of Tyumen, under the overarching theme of “**State and Law in the Context of Global Constraints**” on 30 October 2020. For the first time, the event was conducted online, addressing

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the new challenges and acknowledging a move to digital formats that the university had been building on throughout the year.

The Forum reunited prominent academicians and practitioners from both the legal and government sectors for a series of eight innovative online legal events to tackle the changing legal landscape in an unprecedented time of COVID-19 pandemic. At that, it focused on the immediate, medium, and long-term consequences of the COVID-19 crisis, sharing good practice examples that had targeted at supporting justice system, state authorities, notaries, and the academia in maintaining service provisions during lockdowns as well as at undertaking remarkable innovations as a response to the crisis. Additionally, it intended to provide actionable insights to facilitate researchers, legal experts and stakeholders in addressing the challenges of the pandemic constraints.

The program featured keynote panel discussions embracing:

- The scope of human rights limitations in Russia and Kazakhstan in the context of the pandemic: theoretical and international aspects;
- Challenges to civil, administrative justice and notaries in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Government regulations in the context of global crises;
- Business and the state: new practices of interaction in the field of economic activities in the recovery period;
- Social and labor relations in the pandemic;
- Countering crime in the context of global restrictions;
- Public power and human rights in the context of global constraints;
- Transformation of the educational paradigm in the context of global constraints.

The Forum kicked off with a cordial welcome of **I.S. Romanchuk**, Associate Professor, Acting Rector of the Tyumen State University and proceeded by a welcome speech of **L.V. Zaitseva**, Acting Director of the Institute of State and Law, JD, Associate Professor, Tyumen State University.

The plenary session that followed comprised an array of emerging and timely issues, in particular, **S.K. Amandykova**, Executive Director of the Institute of Legal Research, International Science complex “Astana,” Dean of the Higher School of Law, International University “Astana,” JD, Professor (Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan), presented the topic **“Constitutional and Legal Aspects of Transformation of Electoral Systems in Kazakhstan.”** **V.V. Yarkov**, JD, Professor, Head of the Civil Procedure Department, Ural State Law University (Yekaterinburg) provided a detailed, rich in content and comprehensive presentation on **“Pandemic and Judicial Lawmaking: Quo Vadis?”**. The presentation **“Renewable Energy Policies in the Period of Energy Crisis: Russia, India, South Africa Perspective”** was eloquently delivered by **M.K. Sahu**, Judicial Officer of the Jharkhand Judicial Service (Jharkhand, India).

The plenary session proceeded with presentation of **G.N. Chebotarev**, JD, Professor, Honored Lawyer of Russia, Head of the Constitutional and Municipal Law Department, Tyumen State University, Chairman of the Civic Chamber of Tyumen Region (Tyumen), who focused on **“Constitutional and Legal Mechanisms for the Shaping a Unified System of Public Authority in Russia.”** Following this, **S.Iu. Golovina**, JD, Professor, Head of the Labor Law Department, Ural State Law University, Honored Lawyer of Russia (Yekaterinburg) treated thoroughly the problem of **“Metamorphoses of Labor Legislation in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic.”** **E.V. Smakhtin**, JD, Professor, the Criminalistics Department, Ural State Law University (Yekaterinburg) scrutinized all the facets of the subject matter and offered his sapid reflections on the theme **“Combating Crimes by Criminal Procedural and Criminalistics Tools.”**

The plenary session was completed by **E.R. Gomes**, PhD in Political Science, Associate Professor of the Political Science Department, Coordinator of the Research Center for the Study of BRICS Countries, Fluminense Federal University (Niteroi, Brazil), who gave the benefit of his research outcomes on the topic **“Brazil and the COVID-19: Presidential Denial and Society’s Voices.”**

The present overview is meant to provide a summary of the roundtable and panel discussions of the IV Siberian Legal Forum structured by following the order of the Forums’ program.

### **1. Summary of the Roundtable Discussion**

#### **“The Scope of Human Rights Limitations in Russia and Kazakhstan in the Context of the Pandemic: Theoretical and International Aspects”**

International roundtable discussion **“The Scope of Human Rights Limitations in Russia and Kazakhstan in the Context of the Pandemic: Theoretical and International Aspects”** organized in collaboration with L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University (Nur-Sultan, Republic of Kazakhstan) brought together researchers from the Russian Federation, the United States of America, and the Republic of Kazakhstan.

In line with the rhetoric of the IV Siberian Legal Forum, the panel provided a discussion of human rights in terms of their exercising and breaches due to the coronavirus outbreak. Furthermore, the participants drew on compelling examples of national governments’ responses, and came up with some recommendations to respect human rights in responses to the challenges. In particular, **Zh.I. Ibragimov** and **S.S. Kapsalyamova** shared their standpoints on new global challenges and youth policy’s implementation problems in the Republic of Kazakhstan. **W.S. Ali**, Professor of the Theory of State and Law and International Law Department, Institute of State and Law, Tyumen State University analyzed the international legal aspects

of human rights' constraints in the state of emergency in the United States and Russia. **S.A. Dyuzhikov**, JD, Professor, the Law Faculty of the Southern Federal University focused on health protection responsibilities in the Russian Federation and **A.V. Demeneva**, Ph.D., Advisor of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Sverdlovsk region (Yekaterinburg), contemplated on the constraints of the subjects of contractual relations' rights during the coronavirus outbreak.

Russia and Kazakhstan cross-border cooperation issues and prospects, confines of the subjects of contractual relations' rights in a pandemic, respect for human rights in the provision of international legal assistance were the discussion threads of attendees from the Theory of State and Law and International Law Department, Institute of State and Law, Tyumen State University **M.A. Astakhova**, PhD, Associate Professor, **M.O. Lits**, PhD, Associate Professor and **A.M. Alikieva**, Senior Lecturer of the Administrative and Financial Law Department.

Moderated by **O.Iu. Vinnichenko**, JD, Professor, Head of the Theory of State and Law and International Law Department, Institute of State and Law, Tyumen State University in a partnership with **Zh.I. Ibragimov**, JD, Professor, Dean of the Law Faculty, L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University (Nur-Sultan, Republic of Kazakhstan) the roundtable was marked by high theoretical and methodological impact, substantially integrated key concepts and practice – centered nature of presentations.

## **2. Summary of the Panel Discussion**

### **“Challenges to Civil, Administrative Justice and Notaries in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic”**

The coronavirus pandemic has hindered the judicial systems' functioning hard. In the face of challenges, states across the globe adopt emergency measures to address the crisis, and importantly must continue to uphold the rule of law, protect and respect basic principles of legality, and the rights to get access to justice and due process. In this rhetoric, a diverse and representative panel of experts, practitioners and other participants of the panel **“Challenges to Civil, Administrative Justice and Notaries in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic”** explored, compared and enjoyed standpoints' exchange on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on judicial system and access to justice. Furthermore, it analyzed a number of positive effects of this new reality and the challenges it raises for the administration of justice.

The panel moderator – **D.Iu. Maleshin**, JD, Professor, an expert in a variety of legal fields embracing civil procedure, judicial power, enforcement proceedings, notaries, and legal education – skillfully navigated the conversation, posed carefully constructed questions and inspired a vibrant debate.

Initially, the panel focused on the most pressing issues of procedural legislation in the time of pandemic, smartly presented by **I.V. Reshetnikova**, JD, Professor,

Chairperson of the Arbitration Court of the Ural District, Honored Lawyer of Russia. Furthering the discussion, the panel examined the **“Effective Tools for Civil Proceedings in the Context of Modern Global Challenges,”** the subject matter scrutinized and evaluated deeply in the presentation of **S.A. Kurochkin**, PhD, Associate Professor, Vice-Rector for International Relations of the Ural Federal University named after the first President of Russia B.N. Yeltsin.

**N.S. Bocharova**, PhD, Associate Professor of the Civil Procedure Department, Law Faculty, Lomonosov Moscow State University delivered a paper **“Model European Rules of Civil Procedure: The Case of Civil Procedure Globalization”** and analyzed the outcomes of civil procedure globalization and harmonization in the light of current legislative developments in Europe with a specific highlight of their strong impact on the national civil procedure and judicial policy.

Contributing to the interesting and engaging panel discussions were the issues to deal with the right to remotely participate in an arbitration court session, directions to improve civil procedure and administrative proceedings in the context of IT and artificial intelligence’s development as well as judicial act and some issues of offsetting counter obligations and collective judicial protection of citizens in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. The themes were debated respectively by **E.V. Zaichenko**, PhD, Assistant of the Civil Procedure Department, Assistant Professor of the Faculty of Law, Lomonosov Moscow State University, **E.A. Nakhova**, PhD, Associate Professor of the Business Law Department, St. Petersburg Institute (Branch) of All-Russian State University of Justice (RPA of the Ministry of Justice of Russia), **D.B. Abushenko**, JD, Professor of the Civil Procedure Department, Ural State Law University and **D.I. Shandursky**, Adjunct PhD student of the Law Faculty, St. Petersburg State University, Attorney, Legal Advisor to the “ASK” Legal Bureau.

Drawing on his practice as a judge of the Arbitration Court of the Ural District, **S.V. Lazarev**, PhD, Senior Lecturer of the Civil Procedure Department, Ural State Law University focused on the **“Challenges of Remote Trying of Cases by Arbitration Courts”** and alongside with numerous advantages shared his first-hand experience on the difficulties in conducting hearings in the COVID-19 context as well as in the introducing new procedural technologies. Amidst them is the need to develop new skill sets, for instance, technological proficiency.

The panel also analyzed the evolution or transformation of legal proceedings in Russia and Hungary in the context of global changes, featured by Professor **Dr Edit Írisz Horváth**, PhD from Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Faculty of Law and Political Sciences, Civil Procedure Law Department (Budapest, Hungary) in collaboration with **N.V. Sukhova**, PhD, Associate Professor of Civil Law and Procedure Department and **Iu.L. Babikova**, Postgraduate Student of the Department of Civil Law and Procedure, Tyumen State University.

### 3. Summary of the Panel Discussion “Government Regulations in the Context of Global Crises”

International panel discussion **“Government Regulations in the Context of Global Crises”** facilitated by Elena Gladun, PhD, Professor, the Editor-in-Chief of the *BRICS Law Journal* was one of the most successful in terms of international collaboration provided by Russian participants (from the University of Tyumen, the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA), Moscow State University, South Ural State University, Ural Federal University and Ural Federal Economic University) and the largest partaking of international researchers from Brazil, Argentina, India and South Africa. The panel geared to establish an overview of state and public authorities’ primary activities to sort out crucial challenges and repercussions provoked by the pandemic times and highlight the ways and means the governments take to settle the problems of economic management and crypt currency utilization, develop e-Governments, integrate social networks in public administration, improve the investment climate and protect the citizens’ rights to employment and wages during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The keynote speakers took the lead in discussions of topical issues. In particular, **O.V. Aliyeva**, PhD, Head of the Public Administration Department, University of Tyumen gave a brief but thoughtful overview on the state guarantees of human rights in the crisis period; **I.P. Klimov**, JD, Professor of the Theory of State and Law and International Law Department, University of Tyumen addressed the audience next, and spoke about Russian national policy of organizing transportation in the pandemic. The third keynote address **“Digital Economy and Law: Russian Experience”** was given by **Iu.S. Kharitonova**, JD, Professor of the Business Law Department, the Faculty of Law, Lomonosov Moscow State University. Another highlight – the thematic area dedicated to **“Public Administration in the Context of Global Crisis: The Case of Brazil”** was presented by **D.B. Ferreira**, PhD, Professor of the University Candido Mendes, Vice President for Academic Affairs of the Brazilian Center for Mediation and Arbitration, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The panel discussion was proceeded and benefited considerably from presentation **“International and Russian Practices of Antimonopoly Regulations During and After the Pandemic”** delivered by **I.V. Knyazeva**, Doctor of Economics, Professor, Head of the Center for Competition and Economics Research, Siberian Institute of Management (RANEPA Branch of the Russian Academy of National Economy and Public Administration under the President of Russia, Novosibirsk). The follow-on presentation by **I.V. Veretennikov**, Head of the Office of the Federal Antimonopoly Service of Russia in Tyumen Region, Joint Department in Competition Law and Antimonopoly Regulations with the Federal Antimonopoly Service of Russia,

Institute of State and Law, Tyumen State University, extended the thematic discussion to the dilemmas of **“Antimonopoly Regulation of Prices on Essential Household Goods at the Time of Panic Buying.”**

The panel discussion was concluded by the organizers' sincere gratitude and appreciation to the colleagues and authors of the *BRICS Law Journal*, namely to **M.V. Chudinovskikh, N.V. Symanyuk, E.A. Gromova** and **A.E. Molotnikov** for meaningful, informative, research-based presentations, information support of the event, and invaluable contributions in making the event a success.

#### **4. Summary of the Panel Discussion**

##### **“Business and the State: New Practices of Interaction in the Field of Economic Activities in the Recovery Period”**

The goal of the panel discussion was to consider a set of innovation mechanisms regulating economic activities as a tool to boost economic development of the Eurasian Economic Union member states. Additionally, to analyze a spectrum of concerns comprising the business and state bodies' interaction issues, the means to ensure competitiveness of Russian goods and services in the international arena and to examine how well the legal institutions function during the recovery period.

Organized by the Customs Department of the Institute of State and Law the panel was moderated by **T.V. Luzina**, PhD, Associate Professor, Head of the Customs Department, Institute of State and Law, Tyumen State University and brought together the academia and practitioners from across the regions of Russia and Kazakhstan.

Importantly, the panel discussion centered around the current stage of economic activities and their customs administration in the Russian Federation alongside with interaction perspectives in the field during the recovery period. Moreover, it focused on the implementation of measures to ensure economic security by customs authorities against the backdrop of new challenges and debated the fulfillment of the EAEU's integration potential to induce mutual trade amid global instability alongside with new practices of migrant workers' recruitment in the context of business recovery. Notably, most of the abovementioned issues mirrored the outcomes of the Customs Department staff's research and tangibly benefited the event productivity.

Furthermore, the panelists acknowledged that the COVID-19 pandemic had a profound effect on labor relations and the organization of across sectors. The necessity to shift to remote working came as a surprise to many and turned out to be quite a challenge because of under regulating. The majority of companies had to carry out some measures in order to adjust to the new circumstances. In this regard, the presentation **“Contracts with Teleworkers under the International Labor Organization and the European Union Legislation”** by **K.V. Lapshin**, Director of

the Legal Department of Fashion House Management Eastern Europe Group, Adjunct PhD student, Institute of State and Law, Russian Academy of Sciences (Moscow) was the matter of the panel's specific deliberations.

Based on his research experience, Professor **M.A. Sarsembaev**, JD, Chief Researcher of the International Law Department, the Institute of Legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan (Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan) analyzed the essence matter and some critical issues of public-private partnership in transport engineering industry in Kazakhstan as an integral part of interaction in foreign economic activity within the recovery period.

### **5. Summary of the Panel Discussion "Social and Labor Relations in the Pandemic"**

The goal of online panel discussion **"Social and Labor Relations in the Pandemic,"** held under the scope of the IV Siberian Legal Forum was to share, learn and discuss the challenges of labor and social security law evolvement. The discussion united academics, researchers and practitioners from Moscow, Saint Petersburg, Munich, Minsk, Bishkek, Tyumen, Yekaterinburg, Chelyabinsk, and Omsk to explore issues faced by the field and visualize the future direction. **G.S. Skachkova**, JD, Professor, Head of the Labor Law and Social Security Law Sector, Institute of State and Law of the Russian Academy of Sciences was the first speaker to take the floor and provided an interesting and meaningful insight into the freedom of labor principle's implementation during the pandemic.

The next highlight was the thematic area of social and labor rights' implementation in the pandemic. It was brightly launched and abundantly deliberated in the paper **"Social and Labor Rights in the Pandemic: did the State Cope?"** by **N.L. Lyutov**, JD, Professor, Head of the Labor Law and Social Security Law Department, Kutafin Moscow State Law University and was extended to a circumstantial discussion of international legal and national aspects of information support in preventing the spread of a new coronavirus infection by **M.Iu. Fedorova**, JD, Professor, Counselor to the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation. Moving on the panel then focused on the state anti-crisis policy at the labor market and legal methods to stabilize it, analyzed by **M.A. Drachuk**, PhD, Associate Professor, Head of the Labor and Social Law Department, Dostoevsky Omsk State University. In a logical move, the panel finalized the thematic area's deliberation with the polemic over the infringement of the employers' rights during the pandemic smartly presented in the paper by **E.M. Ofman**, PhD, Acting Head of the Labor, Social Law and Jurisprudence Department, South Ural State University (Chelyabinsk).

COVID-19 pandemic affected severely the societies, economies and labor markets worldwide. Undoubtedly, it resulted in long lasting effects on the working conditions and employment. National governments bend every effort to provide



labor market and social policy responses to help mitigate the direct effects of the crisis. To elaborate and explore this issue the panel discussion put three of the international speakers, namely, **K.L. Tomashevsky**, JD, Professor of the Civil Law Disciplines Department, the International University "MITSO," (Belarus, Minsk); **K.S. Ramankulov**, PhD, Head of the Civil, Labor and Environmental Law Department, Law Faculty of the Kyrgyz National University (Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek); **O.V. Chesalina**, PhD, Associate Professor, Research Assistant of the Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy, (Munich, Germany) front and center to deliver the papers and share their standpoints on the pandemic's impact on labor relations in their countries. The follow-on speeches by **S.Iu. Chucha**, JD, Professor, Researcher for the Labor Law and Social Security Sector of the Institute of State and Law, the Russian Academy of Sciences (Moscow) and **V.V. Korobchenko**, PhD, Head of the Secretariat of the Deputy Chairman of the Constitutional Court of the Russian Federation (St. Petersburg) extended the thematic area to the dilemmas of some labor law and social security law institutions' development under the impact of the pandemic.

Presentations delivered by **E.A. Sychenko**, PhD, Associate Professor of Labor and Social Law Department of St. Petersburg State University, followed by **L.V. Zaitseva**, JD, Professor, Head of the Labor Law and Entrepreneurship Department, the University of Tyumen, were in tune with the abovementioned issue and focused on the analysis of cross-country differences and experience of stabilizing labor relations.

Live issues of remote work and atypical employment during COVID-19 pandemic were designated by the panelists as crucial on the agenda, a priority field for a collaborative research and the center of interest in papers by **Iu.V. Ivanchina**, JD, Associate Professor, Labor Law Department, the Ural State Law University, (Yekaterinburg), as well as **K.S. Tyshkovich**, Senior Lecturer and **G.N. Obukhova**, PhD, Associate Professor, both attendees from Labor and Social Law Department, Omsk State University.

The coronavirus pandemic effectuated great economic and social disruptions. Facing unprecedented challenges countries do all to set up a sustainable and well-functioning social security system. **E.A. Istomina**, PhD, Associate Professor, Labor Law Department, USLU, (Yekaterinburg) and **O.S. Kurchenko**, PhD, Associate Professor of the Labor and Social Law Department of Omsk State University canvassed the subject in their presentations and scrutinized the issue of social security rights in a pandemic.

Moderated by **L.V. Zaitseva**, JD, Acting Director for the Institute of State and Law, Head of the Labor Law and Entrepreneurship Department and **O.A. Kursova**, PhD, Associate Professor of the Tyumen State University the panel discussion proved to be productive and a success. It revealed acute matters of social and labor relations' legal regulation in the pandemic. Additionally, it demonstrated high scientific research potential in the field and benefited a lot from the contributors with different research backgrounds, which encouraged discussion across scientific boundaries.

## 6. Summary of the Panel Discussion

### “Countering Crime in the Context of Global Restrictions”

The panel, moderated by **V.I. Morozov**, PhD, Associate Professor, Head of the Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure Department, Institute of State and Law, Honored Lawyer of Russia, delineated a range of critical legal issues that affect many peoples' lives, and polemicized criminal law, criminal procedure, criminological and forensic challenges of combating crime in the context of global constraints. Undoubtedly, it occurred to be the hottest topic to deliberate amid the issues discussed.

The panel discussion centered around a wide array of issues. It focused on the circumstances precluding criminality of actions in the context of global constraints highlighted in the paper of **V.V. Baburin**, JD, Professor, Head of the Criminology and Crime Prevention Department, Omsk Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, deliberated on the **“Mechanism for Guarantying Rights in Criminal Proceedings in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic”** covered in-depth by **L.M. Volodina**, JD, Professor, Honored Lawyer of Russia, Professor of the Criminal Procedure Law Department, O.E. Kutafin Moscow State Law University (Moscow State Law Academy), considered the system of suicidal determination during the global restrictions, presented by **A.V. Sumachev**, JD, Professor of the Criminal Law and Procedure Department, Institute of State and Law, Tyumen State University and analyzed topical issues of criminal bankruptcy in Belarus under the global restrictions, presented by **T.A. Koren**, PhD, Professor of the Legal Disciplines Department, Belarusian Institute of Law (Mogilev Branch, Republic of Belarus).

Another thematic area to debate was the rise of cybercrimes. The participants explored the scope of the global cybercrime threat; expounded global developments in cybercrime cases and efforts made to boost international cooperation on cybercrime, elucidated the perspectives of global cyber norms' development and deliberated the rate of law enforcement actions taken against cybercriminals in the face of this persistent threat. Specifically, the discussion focused on the qualification of common crimes committed in the Internet, analyzed in depth and persuasively presented by **R.D. Sharapov**, JD, Professor, the Criminal Law Department, St. Petersburg Law Institute (Branch) of the University of the Prosecutor's Office of the Russian Federation and the experience of Kazakhstan in establishing and operating the cybersecurity system, shared by **L.A. Temirzhanova**, PhD, Senior Lecturer of L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University, Attorney at the Nur-Sultan Bar Association, in her paper **“Cybersecurity in Kazakhstan: Challenges and Recommendations for Countering Cyber Threat.”**

The panel's discussion subsequently moved to examine other topical subject matters, including: countering crimes during the global constraints and criminal law as a means to counter violent crimes; implementation of the principles of criminal judiciary justice in the context of global restrictions, corruption risks under

global restrictions, characteristics of criminal liability for violation of sanitary and epidemiological rules under the spread of coronavirus infection as well and other vital issues.

### **7. Summary of the Panel Discussion**

#### **“Public Power and Human Rights in the Context of Global Constraints”**

The panel discussion was moderated by **G.N. Chebotarev**, JD, Professor, Honored Lawyer of Russia, Head of the Constitutional and Municipal Law Department, Tyumen State University, Chairman of the Civic Chamber of Tyumen Region and considered the mechanisms for ensuring constitutional rights in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak.

The panelists admitted the responses to the pandemic to have forced national governments to take measures that severely limit the enjoyment of personal freedoms. Though, various forms of measures are aimed at enforcing social distancing and in this way to minimize the risk of new coronavirus transmission among the population, the concerns about the impact of such measures on human rights fairly arise. Moreover, a well-grounded anxiety becomes acute. The panelists shared the concerns and assumed that measures restricting the enjoyment of human rights can open the way to the abuse of emergency regulations and the overreach of executive powers.

In this vein, the panel debated over the principle of solidarity and human rights under new challenges to face in the pandemic, highlighted in the report of **E.V. Gerasimova**, PhD, Associate Professor, Head of the International and European Law Department, Law Institute, Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University and enjoyed a lively and spirited debate on the freedom of peaceful assembly's constraints under the pandemic, analyzed by **A.V. Salenko**, PhD, Associate Professor of the International and European Law Department, Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University, Master of Laws from the University of Göttingen.

In the resultant discussion, the panel enjoyed the standpoints and experience exchange on multiple issues associated with constraints, stipulated by the COVID-19. Notably, the papers of the Constitutional and Municipal Law Department's staff, Institute of State and Law, Tyumen State University contributed much to the content and success of the discussion. In particular, **O.A. Teplyakova**, PhD, Associate Professor dwelled upon the right to education under the pandemic. **D.O. Teplyakov**, PhD, Associate Professor conceptualized the interaction forms of regional governments in Russia to prevent and cut the risk of coronavirus infection spread. **D.A. Avdeev**, PhD, Associate Professor in his presentation **“Challenges of Legitimizing Public Authority in Modern Russia”** defined the concept and essential features of “legitimacy,” provided legal analysis of public authorities' activities, explored their

legitimization process, their responsibility and accountability. The speaker examined the compliance of the public authorities' performance outcomes with the level of the voters' political will and the rate of popular endorsement. The theme occurred to be thought provoking and inspired a heated debate.

Additionally, **A.I. Sakhno**, PhD, Associate Professor, Head of the Administrative and Financial Law Department, Institute of State and Law, Tyumen State University set forward the strategy for sanitary and epidemiological safety legislation's development and improvement in Russia.

Interestingly, the paper **"The New Legislation on Administrative Liability in Traffic Safety"** presented by **V.V. Golovko**, JD, Professor of the Administrative and Financial Law Department, Institute of State and Law, Tyumen State University was the subject of specific interest and brought to the exchange of ideas and views.

Finalizing, the panelists concluded that though the curtailment of some human rights and freedoms are temporary necessary and absolutely indispensable to cope with the COVID-19 outbreak they are to be carefully limited and constantly monitored to avoid abuses.

### **8. Summary of the Panel Discussion** **"Transformation of the Educational Paradigm in the Context** **of Global Constraints"**

The panel of 15 reputed participants moderated by **I.L. Pluzhnik**, Professor in Education, Deputy Director for International Affairs, Institute of State and Law, Tyumen State University, aimed to discuss the scope of changes and challenges in the content and context, technologies, methods, and educational support of university students under the pandemic constraints. Additionally, to shed light on the innovative research-based strategies that boost the learning effect in the context of restrictions, namely, polymodal and multilingual approaches to teaching and learning.

Having admitted tertiary education transformation, the panel viewed the thematic areas thoroughly and from a multidimensional perspective: pedagogical, cultural and legal, and in comparison with international universities' experience (France and the Republic of Belarus).

**Z.R. Zhukotskaya**, Doctor in Cultural Studies, Professor of BIP-Law Institute, (Mogilev, the Republic of Belarus) in her paper **"Transformation of Social and Humanities Knowledge in Higher Education: A Humanistic Paradigm"** emphasized that the global pandemic had caused value shift and distinguished education as a professional value. Undoubtedly, it had enhanced the value of computer-mediated communication, multilingual approaches to learning and foregrounded a humanistic component of education.

Equally important for the panel was to canvass the already adjusted and prioritized competencies and values that had come to the fore in the current situation, namely,

solidarity, self-directed learning, and care for oneself and others, social-emotional skills, among others.

**I.L. Pluzhnik**, Doctor in Education, Professor of the Institute of State and Law, Tyumen State University shared her insights on cognitive effects in higher education under the pandemic constraints. The speaker emphasized the necessity to reckon in cognitive specifics of contemporary students' academic activity stipulated by the peculiarities of their brains' work. Amid them are clip thinking, fragmented perception, truncated abstract thinking, false effect of quick success, rapid deconcentration of attention, multilingualism, visualization of perception.

Importantly, the staff of the Centre of Foreign Languages and Communication Technologies, Tyumen State University, contributed significantly to the success of the event and extended the debates to the analysis of a systemic approach to the assessment of communication and interpersonal skills competencies based on portfolio, online simulators, international online cross-cultural collaborations (virtual mobility).

Interestingly, the panel discussed the digital language-learning ecosystem's key components (blogging, hypertext environment) and the learning potential of cross-platforms i.e. various educational platforms' integrated utilization alongside with other timely issues. Driven by the outcomes of conducted empirical studies, supported by the participants' personal experience the panelists marked students' high value of hybrid education, lacking the dominance of online learning.

To conclude with the panel designated the scope of theory and practice-based research priorities with digital ecosystem and the educology at the heart, aiming at a profound effect on educational paradigm and the solutions to problems.

## Conclusion

In the era of pandemic, economic crises and civil unrest, the IV Siberian Legal forum has become a reference event, an ideal platform for international strategic networking that has encouraged collaboration between legal, state sectors, the businesses and the academia they work alongside to tackle tough COVID-19 challenges and has leveraged the opportunities linked to these challenges.

With its rich discussions from a variety of perspectives, and explorations of the most crucial legal issues and debates, the Forum succeeded in providing a unique reflection on social, economic and legal challenges, which have come to the forefront because of the pandemic, including those relating to the provision of legal service.

Undoubtedly, it has occurred to be the best place to present truly relevant practices, ideas, research outcomes and suggestions aimed at featuring the legal lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic, and how those can be carried forward to facilitate policymakers and other stakeholders to overcome the ramifications of the

coronavirus pandemic and to ensure that human rights, democracy, and the rule of law prevail in the most difficult circumstances to the benefit of all people.

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