



Juris North
Legal and Political Philosophy Discussion Group
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Dear colleagues,

Following our first joint event between UK and Russian colleagues back in March 2016, Juris North: Legal and Political Philosophy Discussion Group, will host the Second British-Russian Symposium on «Jurisprudence and Sovereignty.»

The Symposium will be in Manchester, UK, in March or April 2020 (exact date to be confirmed)

Theme

This symposium aspires to bring together academics from different disciplines, non-governmental organizations and activists to present, explore, and discuss ways in which we may address worldwide current issues by means of rethinking our understanding about sovereignty at level of the individual and at the level of the state.

Any community or population consists of people who are different in many senses. Pluralism is a permanent feature. Similar to the civil society, the international community includes several agents of very different natures (sovereign states, cultures, subcultures, religions, individuals). People in civil societies may be weak or strong, wealthy or poor, classed as abled or disabled, and so on, while the international arena includes developed and non-developed nations, democratic and non-democratic legal systems, populated and not populated territories, sovereign states, pseudo-states, quasi-states, and other. Both in the case of civil societies and the international community, national and international agents, respectively recognize some inter-subject rules of conduct.

In any circumstances in which there are agents of different kinds their interrelations will introduce identity and conflict of interests. As a result, some criteria are needed for choosing the

principles that can guarantee decision-making impartiality and the fairness of the outcome. Arguably, in the case of civil societies, many national legal orders already offer rules and mechanisms to secure normatively and effectively impartiality in the way in which different persons are considered and a certain degree of fairness (or at least, the ability to challenge unfair situations).

The global order is very different. Although there are international rules and mechanisms that in principle acknowledge equality of states and give central roles to non-governmental organizations and, to an extent, people (for example, European Union law), realpolitik shows clearly that impartiality in the way different international agents are considered is scattered (for example, there are some states that are “more equal” than others) and therefore, the fairness of the current world order is highly questionable.

Both at the level of the individual and at the level of the state sovereignty seems to be absolute, single and not shareable. Therein, domestic, regional and international disputes and conflicts of interest initiate and, in some cases, continue endlessly.

The core aim of the symposium is to question whether there is a need to redefine or reimagine “sovereignty” to reflect the complexity of current differences at the level of the individual and at the level of the state.

Key-words: the definition of sovereignty, features of sovereignty, state supremacy, independence of a state, kinds of sovereignty, secession, human rights, territorial integrity, legal aspects of globalization, principles of law, state membership in international and regional organizations, state participation in military alliance, sovereignty of the individual, self-ownership.

SYMPOSIUM ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Co- Chairs of the Organizing Committee:

Dr Antonov Michael V., J.D., Associate Professor of Theory and History of Law and State department of Law Faculty of the St. Petersburg branch of the Higher School of Economics.

Dr Jorge Nunez, Senior Lecturer, Manchester Law School, Manchester Metropolitan University.

Participants

The format of the symposium is pre-read. We will be discussing original research papers, circulated about two weeks in advance. Each session will start with a short presentations by the author. A commentator will then kick-off discussion, the author will respond to the comments, and then the remainder of the session will be dedicated to Q&A.

The purpose of this announcement is twofold. First, we would like to invite you to attend the 2020 symposium and take part in the discussions. There will be no registration fees.

Second, we would like to invite you to submit an abstract or to volunteer to comment. If you are interested in submitting an abstract, please do so by January 31, 2020 by email to j.nunez@mmu.ac.uk

Please limit your abstract to 500 words or less. Once we have received abstracts, we aim to put together a diverse programme that we hope will be of interest to a wide range of people within legal and political philosophy.

Please note that this is an open call for abstracts, so you should feel free to forward this information to anyone who you think might be interested in presenting a paper, commenting on a paper, or attending the workshop.

Publication

We expect to select the best papers to be included in an edited collection.

For your information, the 2016 Symposium resulted in a monograph entitled «Sovereignty and Jurisprudence,» edited by Marianna Muravyeva and Jorge E. Nunez, Springer, Forthcoming 2019-20.

Any question please contact Dr Jorge Nunez j.nunez@mmu.ac.uk