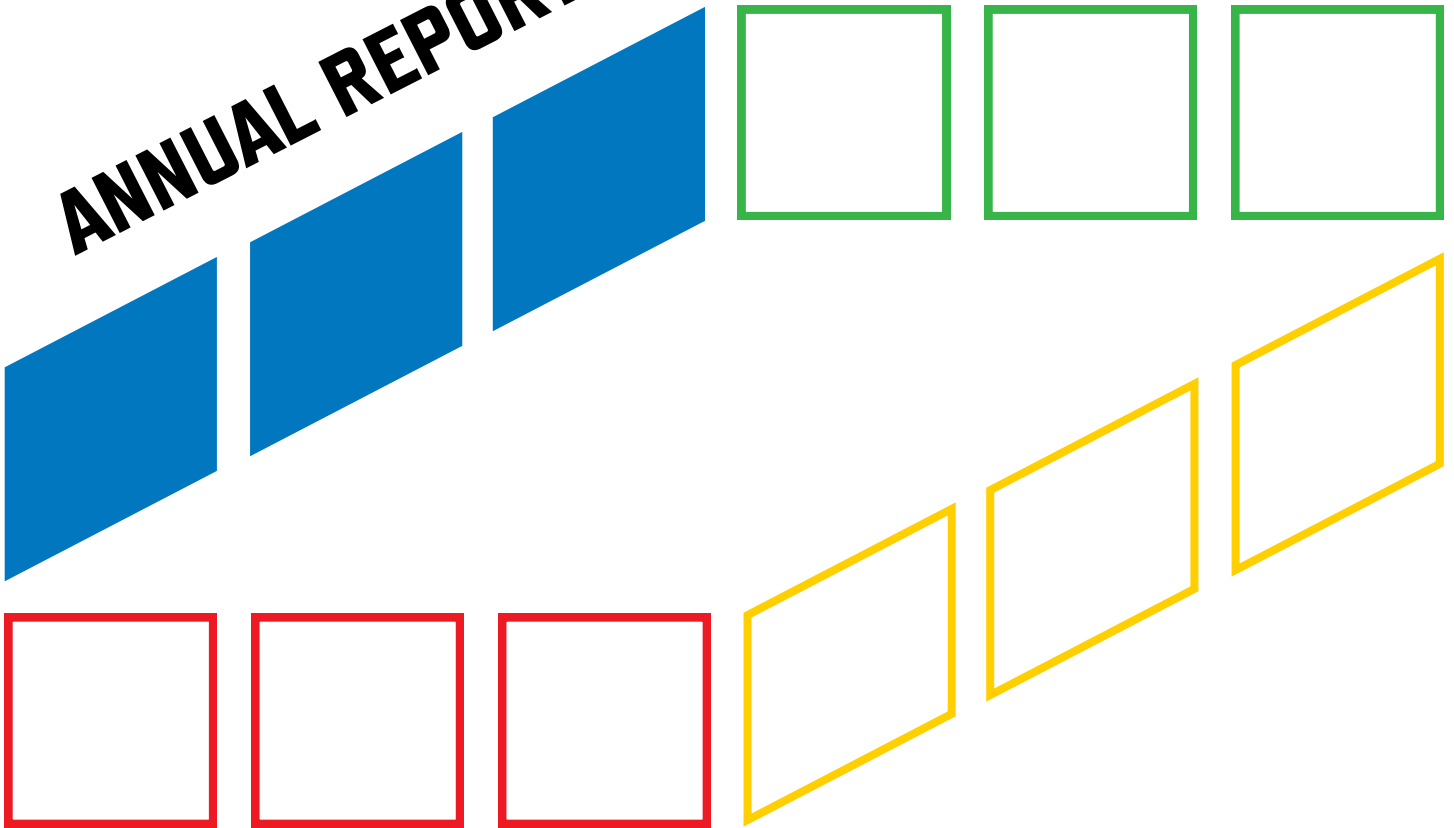




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# 2025



# ICLRC

The International and Comparative Law Research Center (ICLRC) is a Russian non-profit research organization established in 2014

The ICLRC specializes in the study, development, and dissemination of knowledge in the field of international law, participates in the work of international organizations as an observer, and creates opportunities for legal research and study

## ■ Expertise

The ICLRC analyzes international and national law, provides expert commentary on international agreements, contributes to the development of international legal instruments and national law, as well as business development, helps to build sustainable and equitable legal mechanisms

## ■ Opportunities for Legal Studies

The ICLRC creates opportunities to study law by providing access to its unique Library and organizing internships, the Summer School on Public International Law, and a number of other diverse projects that foster study of international law in Russia



## ■ Discussions

The ICLRC holds discussions on legal issues, draft documents, and decisions of judicial bodies

## ■ Community

The ICLRC conducts research projects and organizes events in cooperation with universities and other partners. It also supports Russian and international competitions

## ■ International Negotiations

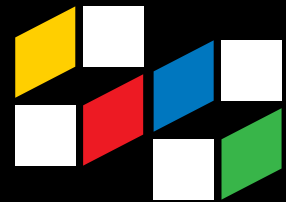
The ICLRC participates as an observer in the work of international organizations and bodies:

- Working Groups III, IV, and VI of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL)
- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)
- United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA), the governing body of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

The ICLRC experts contribute to discussions and provide an overview of the course and results of negotiations



# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



## ■ Climate and Environment

International and national legal regulation aimed at addressing climate change, plastic pollution and biodiversity loss, together with the economic dimensions of these issues, negotiations, the work of relevant international organizations, and judicial practice are among the ICLRC's areas of focus. The ICLRC is an observer organization under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, an observer to the United Nations Environment Assembly, and the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative Supporting Institution

[Climate Highlights of 2025](#)

[International Negotiations and Climate Law: ICLRC at the Sirius Science School](#)

[Negotiations through the Eyes of Experts: UNEA-7](#)

[Negotiations through the Expert's Perspective: Further Development of the Instrument to Combat Plastic Pollution](#)

[The Potential of Forests to Absorb Greenhouse Gases](#) [RUS]

[The Contribution of Wealthy Individuals to Climate Change](#) [RUS]



# UNFCCC

ICLRC experts took part in the sessions of the UNFCCC subsidiary bodies and the 30<sup>th</sup> session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP30)

[Negotiations through the Expert's Perspective: The Bonn Climate Change Conference](#)

[From Baku to Belém: COP30 Agenda](#)

[Negotiations through the Eyes of Experts: COP30](#)

[The Global Goal on Adaptation Has Received Quantitative Parameters](#) [\[RUS\]](#)



## Obligations of States in Respect of Climate Change

Decisions and advisory opinions of international and national judicial bodies addressing climate change have received widespread attention from the international community

[Positions of States Within the Advisory Proceedings of the International Court of Justice on Obligations of States in Respect of Climate Change](#)

[International Climate Litigation in 2024: An Overview of the Legal Positions of the ECtHR and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea](#) [\[RUS\]](#)

[From the Hague to San José: International Courts Rejected the Unfettered Discretion of Countries in the Preparation of NDCs](#) [\[RUS\]](#)

[Judicial Conservative Approach to Climate Change Issues in Asia](#) [\[RUS\]](#)

[On the Challenges of Holding States Internationally Responsible for Climate Change](#) [\[RUS\]](#)

# Green Finance

Finance remains one of the core elements of the climate agenda



## DEVELOPING A TRANSITION FINANCE ROADMAP FOR BRICS

[Climate Finance under the UNFCCC: Overview of Instruments and Negotiation Tracks](#)

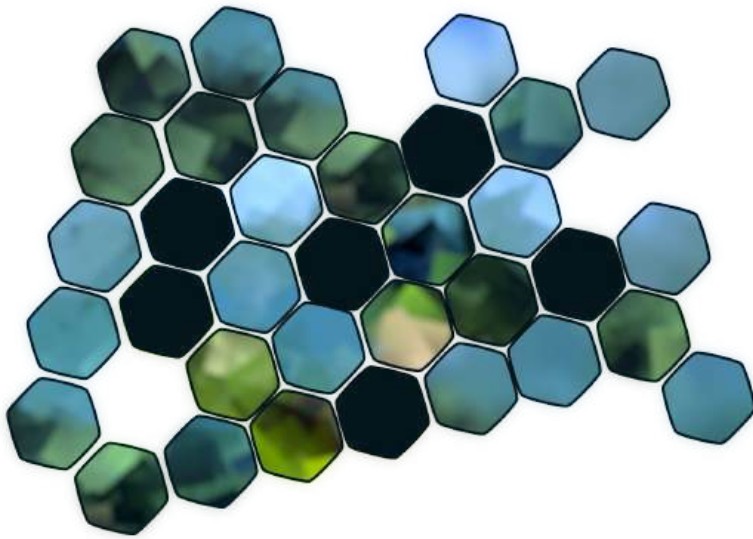
[Developing a Transition Finance Roadmap for BRICS](#)

## Sustainability Regulations

[EU Simplification Omnibus – the First Adjustment of the Green Deal](#) [RUS]

[The “Brussels Effect” for the USA:  
The Extraterritorial Application of the CSDDD](#) [RUS]

[The Cost of Inaction: Ignoring Climate Change Comes at a Price](#) [RUS]



## BIODIVERSITY Legal Database

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## ■ Oceans and the Law of the Sea

The ICLRC conducts research on legal issues related to the uses of the seas and oceans, including general questions of ocean governance, the legal regime of maritime areas within and beyond national jurisdiction, the regulation of various maritime activities, States' obligations with respect to the protection of the marine environment, as well as the sustainable use and management of marine resources. We pay particular attention to the maritime areas of the Arctic

[Universal Multilateral Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea](#)

[Xuexia Liao. The Law of Maritime Delimitation as Developed by International Judiciary. Courses of the Summer School on Public International Law](#)

## ■ Eurasian Integration

The ICLRC studies integration processes in various States, including the harmonization of legal regulation in specific areas and the functioning of international organizations, primarily the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU). Particular attention is paid to the work of the Court of the Eurasian Economic Union and the way it is perceived by the member States



The Court of the Eurasian Economic Union: Competence in Relation to Dispute Resolution and Advisory Function, Preliminary Reference Procedure [RUS]

On the Threshold of a New Decade: Time to Rethink and Develop the Scope of the EAEU Court's Jurisdiction [RUS]

The Significance of Systemic Integration in International Law for the Development of EAEU Law in Light of the "Aircraft Case"

The moot court competition "Dispute Resolution in the EAEU 2025"

## ■ International Trade and Investment

The ICLRC's key research areas include international investment law and investor-State dispute settlement, international trade law, including WTO law, and the work of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL). As an independent observer to UNCITRAL, the ICLRC prepares reports on discussions held under the auspices of the Commission

# Reform of the Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) System

The ICLRC contributes to the ISDS reform



Rebalancing Investment Treaties: Implications of the New Mechanisms Proposed by the ISDS Reform

Outcomes of the 50<sup>th</sup> session of UNCITRAL Working Group III

Outcomes of the 51<sup>st</sup> session of UNCITRAL Working Group III

Outcomes of the 52<sup>nd</sup> session of UNCITRAL Working Group III

## Electronic Commerce

The ICLRC follows the development of a new instrument on data provision contracts, analyzes international approaches to digital trade regulation

End-To-End Trade Digitalisation: Comparative Regulatory Analysis

End-to-End Trade Digitalization: Future Models

Outcomes of the 69<sup>th</sup> session of UNCITRAL Working Group IV

## Negotiable Cargo Documents

The ICLRC contributes to discussions on the draft Convention on Negotiable Cargo Documents

Outcomes of the 46<sup>th</sup> session of UNCITRAL Working Group VI

Outcomes of the 47<sup>th</sup> session of UNCITRAL Working Group VI



## ■ General Issues of International Law

The ICLRC works on general issues of international law, including sources of international law, the law of treaties, international immunities, and international adjudication. Particular attention is given to the work of the International Law Commission (ILC) and the topics on its programme of work



The Lecture by Roman Kolodkin “The Court-Centric Approach of International Law: *Pro et Contra*”

Immunity of State Officials from Foreign Criminal Jurisdiction (ILC): A Critical Review of the Compilation of Recent State Practice *Re Immunity Ratione Materiae*

The 76<sup>th</sup> session of the International Law Commission: view of the participant [RUS]

International Dispute Settlement: Current Trends – Where Next?

Ida Caracciolo. Obligations under International Law. Courses of the Summer School on Public International Law

Internship on the topic of privileges and immunities of international organizations



## ■ International and Comparative Private Law

The ICLRC conducts comparative legal research on issues of both private and public law, drawing on the experience of foreign jurisdictions. The results of such research may be used to improve the Russian legal system and to harmonize national legal orders within international organizations

[Comparative Legal Study of the Commercialization of Research and Development and Proposals for the Development of Russian Regulation \(summary\) \[rus\]](#)

## ■ Library

The ICLRC's [Library](#) is open for everyone interested in public and private international law, international arbitration, as well as comparative law: scholars, students and postgraduates of Russian and foreign universities, representatives of State authorities. The Library's collection includes both classical and modern publications in various languages. The ICLRC also provides access to major international and Russian online legal databases containing books, periodicals, legislative texts, and case law. Last year, the ICLRC joined the Russian Library Association

**876**

new acquisitions, including the book collections of [Vitaly Ivanenko](#), Sergey Usoskin

**10,300**

publications are included in the Library's collection

**174**

new visitors

## ■ Internship Programme

The [paid three-month internship programme](#) was launched in 2025. It offers an opportunity to immerse oneself in international law within a professional research environment. Interns become part of the ICLRC team, gaining experience in research and other analytical and project work under the guidance of specialists in the field of public international law

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young specialists  
completed internships  
or practical training  
at the ICLRC

## ■ Investment Law and Arbitration Lab

The Investment Law and Arbitration Lab aims to facilitate investor-State dispute settlement reform conducted by the UNCITRAL Working Group III. It also aims to serve as an expert platform for studying various reform issues

### Презентация

**Исследование участников Лаборатории  
по инвестиционному праву и арбитражу  
«Изменения в регулировании встречного иска  
и отказа в льготах в инвестиционных спорах:  
в поисках баланса интересов сторон»**

27 мая 2025 года, Москва



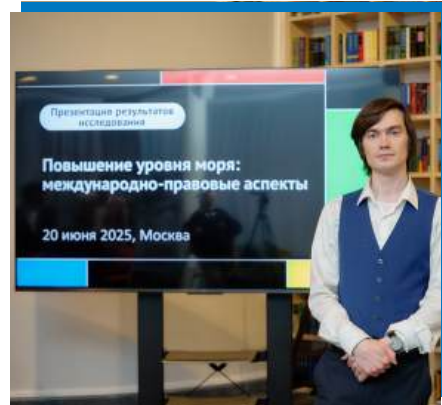
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[Third-Party Funding in Arbitration](#)

[Changes in the Regulation of Counterclaims and Denial of Benefits in Investment Disputes: In Search of a Balance Between the Interests of the Parties](#) [rus]

## ■ Scholarship for Young International Law Researchers

[Scholarships](#) are granted to three young researchers who wish to devote sufficient time to working on academic research in one of the thematic areas determined by the ICLRC. Upon completion of the programme, the participants present the results of their research



Legal Effect and Consequences of Armed Conflicts on International Investment Treaties

Sea Level Rise: International Legal Aspects

International Legal Aspects of Activities in the Field of Artificial Intelligence



## ■ Summer School on Public International Law

[The Summer School](#) is an intensive programme on public international law. Classes are held in person at the ICLRC's Library over the course of two weeks. The lecturers of the Summer School include foreign and Russian experts, such as representatives of international organizations, judges of international courts and tribunals, lawyers, and professors of leading universities



# Programme of the Summer School **2025**

- **General Course on Public International Law**  
Olufemi Elias
- **Work as a Counsel to States in International Adjudication**  
Paolo Palchetti
- **Permanent Court of Arbitration Investor-State Dispute Settlement**  
Brooks Daly
- **Dispute Settlement under UNCLOS**  
José Luis Jesus
- **Dispute Resolution in the International Court of Justice**  
Omri M. Sender
- **Dispute Settlement in the EAEU**  
Alexey Dronov
- **Significance of International Courts' Decisions**  
Alfredo Crosato Neumann
- **Dispute Settlement in the WTO**  
Manuel Sánchez Miranda



# International Law in the XXI Century Award

The [Competition](#) for the International Law in the XXI Century Award for the best research paper in public international law is held on the initiative of Russian experts in public international law, including Vladlen Vereschetin, Roman Kolodkin, Sergey Punzhin, Leonid Skotnikov, Bakhtiyar Tuzmukhamedov, and Alexander Khodakov. The ICLRC has been organizing this competition since 2017. It is held with the support of the law firm Ivanyan and Partners and the academic *journal International Justice*

The Award  
**500,000 RUB**

Results of the 11<sup>th</sup> Competition  
for the International Law  
in the XXI Century Award



## THE WINNER

**Vladislav Donakanyan**

“Greening Flights: How Does the Ecologisation of Air Traffic Regulation Affect Current International Air Law?” [RUS]



## SPECIALY RECOGNIZED PAPER

**Viktoria Polshakova**

“Protection of Foreign Investment in Armed Conflicts”

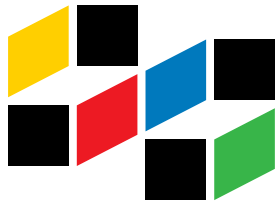
## ■ Women of International Law

[A series of interviews](#) with outstanding women who have achieved professional success in such a complex field as international law. We ask them to share their career paths, challenges, and advice for those starting out in the profession



[Interview with Elina Morozova](#), Executive Director of the International Organization of Space Communications (IOSC) “Intersputnik”, a developer and lecturer of the course “International Space Law and Telecommunications Law” within the Master’s program in Public International Law at Saint Petersburg State University

[Interview with Marika Paulsson](#), Secretary General for the Council for International Dispute Resolution of the Kingdom of Bahrain, Vice President for North America of the Global Legal Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution Centre of the University of São Paulo, a visiting professor at a number of universities



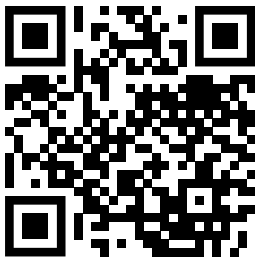
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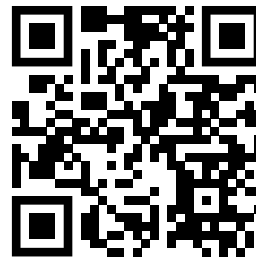
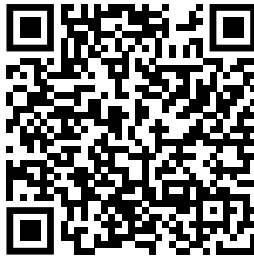
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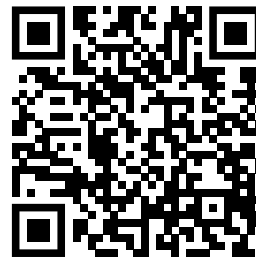


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