



The Dutch-Russian Law Association

16 June 2022, 16.00 Amsterdam time / 17.00 Moscow time

General Meeting & Symposium

(Zoom Meeting)

Please register for the meeting and Symposium by sending an e-mail to: secretary@thedrla.org

Programme

- **16.00-16.45 AMS / 17.00-17.45 MSK**

General Meeting

Please refer to the next page for the agenda of the General Meeting, including a list of items for discussion and resolutions for adoption by the Members. Please also refer to the Annex for the Annual Accounts 2021 and the Report of Activities 2021

- **16.45 – 17.00 AMS / 17.45-18.00 MSK**

Break

- **17.00 – 17.30 AMS / 18.00 – 18.30 MSK**

Dr. Anton Burkov, Q&A

- **17.30 – 18.00 AMS / 18.30 – 19.00 MSK**

Professor Alexander Muranov, Q&A

- **18.00 – 18.30 AMS / 19.00 – 19.30 MSK**

Professor Valerie Sperling, Q&A

- **18.30 AMS / 19.30 MSK**

Closing remarks by Professor Williams Simons



Agenda General Meeting

16.00-16.45 AMS / 17.00-17.45 MSK

1. Opening

2. Appointment chairperson (resolution)

Based on Article 25 of the Articles of Association of the DRLA, the chairperson of a general meeting of members shall be appointed by a majority of the votes cast by the members present or represented at the meeting. The Executive Board proposes to appoint Dr Wim Timmermans, Chair of the Executive Board, as chair of today's general meeting of members.

3. Designation secretary

Based on Article 27 of the Articles of Association of the DRLA, minutes shall be taken of the items discussed at each general meeting of members by a secretary to be designated by the chairman of the general meeting.

4. Appointment audit committee (resolution)

Based on Article 20 of the Articles of Association of the DRLA, each year the general meeting must appoint an audit committee to audit the annual accounts of the previous financial year (if it has not instructed an accountant to do so). As in previous years, the Executive Board proposes to appoint Professor M. Wladimiroff and Justice R.A. Van der Pol as members of the audit committee to report to the general meeting of members their findings with regard to the annual accounts 2021.

5. Report audit committee on the Annual Accounts 2021

6. Adoption Annual Accounts 2021 (resolution)

Based on Article 21 of the Articles of Association of the DRLA, the Executive Board proposes to the general meeting to adopt the attached Annual Accounts 2021 (Balance sheet and Statement of Income and Expenses 2021 as well as the Explanatory Notes).

7. Discharge of liability of the Executive Board with regard to the financial year 2021 (resolution)

Based on Article 21 of the Articles of Association of the DRLA, the Executive Board proposes to the general meeting to discharge all the current members of the Executive Board from liability with regard to acts performed in said capacity that have become known to the general meeting through the Annual Accounts 2021, the Report of Activities 2021 or otherwise.

8. Other business

9. Closure



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Dr. Anton Burkov (17.00 – 17.30 AMS / 18.00 – 18.30 MSK)

Dr. Anton Burkov, LL.M. (Essex), Ph.D. (Cambridge), Director and Principal Attorney of the human rights NGO Strategic Litigation Center where he litigates strategic cases, organizes online training, and teaches. In 2019 he started an online school ECHR-Navigator on bringing cases to the ECHR. As of today, ECHR-Navigator (ECHRNavigator.ru) offers 9 courses run in 3 languages (Russian, Ukrainian, and English) with more than 200 alumni from 4 countries. Since 2021 ECHR-Navigator cooperates with the University of Arizona online MA in Human Rights Practice. Courses offered by ECHR-Navigator are counted toward MA at the University of Arizona.

In cooperation with his colleagues and volunteers (including Utrecht University, the University of Quebec in Montreal, and global law firms), he has been litigating cases in Russian courts, including the Russia Supreme and Constitutional Courts, and the ECHR. He was involved in the following most recent cases such as *Burkov v. Google* (IT and privacy), *Mikhaylova v. Russia* (free legal aid), *Sablina and others v. Russia* (secret organ harvesting), *Korolevs v. Russia* (rights of prisoners and their families to conjugal meetings and artificial insemination), *Tiunov v. Russia* (modern slavery). He has authored numerous publications, the latest are Todd Brower, Anton Burkov (eds.) “Strategic Litigation of Public Interest Cases: US and Russian Best Practice”, Moscow, 2020; a chapter “The Use of European Human Rights Law in Russian Courts” in Eds. Lauri Mälksoo and Wolfgang Benedek, *Russia and the European Court of Human Rights: The Strasbourg Effect* (Cambridge University Press, 2018).

Dr. Burkov will be speaking on the topic: “The Impact of the War in Ukraine on Russian Law”

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Professor Alexander Muranov (17.30 – 18.00 AMS / 18.30 – 19.00 MSK)

Managing Partner of Muranov & Partners Law Firm (Moscow). Editor-in-chief of the “International Commercial Arbitration Review” (www.arbitrationreview.ru), the first Russian journal on international commercial and investment arbitration. Associate professor of the Department of Private International and Civil Law of the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO University). Candidate in Jurisprudence (Ph.D.). Professor Muranov has acted as arbitrator, expert and counsel in more than 100 arbitrations in Russia and abroad (also under the Rules of ICC, LCIA, SCAI, SCC, SIAC, as well as under the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules). Attorney-at-law, member of the Moscow Chamber of Attorneys. Author of over 100 works (including several books) covering various issues of international commercial arbitration, private international law and international civil litigation, currency law, civil law, regulation of international commerce. In 2009–2013 — member of the working group for drafting amendments to Section VI “Private International Law” in the Russian Civil Code.

Professor Muranov will be speaking on the topic: “The Oppressive Arbitration Reform in Russia and the War in Ukraine: Some Common Political Roots”.

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Professor Valerie Sperling (18.00 – 18.30 AMS / 19.00 – 19.30 MSK)

Valerie Sperling is a professor at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts. She teaches a variety of courses in comparative politics, including Russian politics, revolution and political violence, and mass murder and genocide under communism. Her research interests lie mainly at the intersection of Russian politics and gender studies. She is the author of *Organizing Women in Contemporary Russia* (Cambridge University Press, 2000), *Altered States: The Globalization of Accountability* (Cambridge University Press, 2009), and the award-winning *Sex, Politics, and Putin: Political Legitimacy in Russia* (Oxford University Press, 2015). She is also co-author of *Courting Gender Justice: Russia, Turkey, and the European Court of Human Rights* (Oxford University Press, 2019). Her most recent book, co-authored with her Clark colleague Robert Boatright, is *Trumping Politics as Usual: Masculinity, Misogyny, and the 2016 Elections* (Oxford University Press, 2020).

Professor Sperling will be speaking on the topic: “Has Russia Become a Totalitarian State?”



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Professor Dr. William B. Simons

Professor Simons specializes in international trade, investment and business law and, also, international commercial arbitration. He is a Leiden University Emeritus Professor of East European Law, on the list of arbitrators of the Court of International Commercial Arbitration (Moscow), and the author of expert opinions on Russian law in proceedings in state courts and arbitration tribunals in the Netherlands and UK.

Education:

PhD in Law, Leiden University (1996)

JD, University of Wisconsin, Law School, Madison, WI (1974)

MA, Russian Language and Literature, Norwich University (1974)

BA, Russian Area Studies, Carleton College, Northfield, MN (1971)