



INFORMATION LETTER

The Higher School of Law “Adilet” of Caspian University, jointly with the German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ), invites you to take part in the *International Scientific and Practical Conference of students and young scholars held as part of the annual Kotov Readings “Current Issues of Public Law”*.

The conference of students and young scholars held as part of the annual Kotov Readings, "Current Issues of Public Law," is dedicated to the distinguished dynasty of Soviet and Kazakhstani legal scholars – the Kotov family: **Konstantin Flegontovich Kotov, Anatoly Konstantinovich Kotov, and Nina Konstantinovna Kotova.**

Konstantin Flegontovich Kotov was born on 10 January 1923 in the city of Guryev (present-day Atyrau). He held a Doctor of Law degree and the rank of professor, and was a veteran of the Great Patriotic War. For 30 years he headed the Department of State Law at S.M. Kirov Kazakh State University and was a recognized authority on constitutional law, including in the field of nation-state building in the People's Republic of China.

Anatoly Konstantinovich Kotov was born on 15 July 1955 in Moscow. He held a Doctor of Law degree and the rank of professor. He rose from research fellow to head of department at the Institute of State and Law of the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Kazakhstan. He served as Vice-Rector for Research at the Kazakh State Law Institute under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan, was a member of the Expert Advisory Council to the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the draft Constitution, a Senator of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Secretary of the Senate's Standing Committee on Legislation and Judicial-Legal Reform, and a member of the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan. A.K. Kotov specialized in the theory of state and constitutional law and co-authored a number of textbooks and collective monographs.

Nina Konstantinovna Kotova was born in Alma-Ata. She holds a Candidate of Legal Sciences degree and is an Associate Professor at the Higher School of Law "Adilet" of Caspian University. Nina Kotova's research interests include criminal law and criminology.

The conference will be held **on November 3, 2026** in offline and online formats. It starts at 10: 00 a.m. Almaty time.

The conference link and access code will be sent separately after **October 20, 2026.**

Working languages of the conference: Kazakh, Russian, and English. Forms of participation: **in-person and remote (online format).**

Address of the conference organizer: Caspian University (85A Dostyk Ave., Almaty).

Venue of the conference: Republic of Kazakhstan, Almaty, 85A Dostyk Ave., Caspian University (floor -1, Academic Council Hall).

The Organizing Committee kindly asks you, by **October 15, 2026**, to submit the topic of your presentation and information about yourself **in Kazakh, Russian, and English** for inclusion in the conference program. To be included in the conference program, the information about authors must be provided in Kazakh, Russian, and English and must include: full name, place of work/study (university, faculty, year of study), the author's mobile and home telephone numbers, and e-mail address. For students, master's students, PhD candidates, and doctoral candidates, the

full name and the academic degree and title (if any) of the academic supervisor must also be indicated.

In the information about authors, participants must be sure to indicate their format of participation:

- **listener, without a presentation or the submission of a scientific article;**
- **with an oral presentation in offline format and the submission of a scientific article;**
- **with an oral presentation in online format via Zoom and the submission of a scientific article;**
- **without a presentation, only the submission of a scientific article.**

Foreign participants must submit the topic of their presentation/scientific article and information about themselves in Russian and/or English only.

The conference intends to address the following topics:

1. General theoretical and historical-legal issues:

- current issues of the theory of state and law;
- general theoretical issues of public law;
- current issues of the history of state and law of the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- current issues of the history of state and law of foreign countries;
- current issues of the history of political and legal doctrines;

2. Issues of public and international law:

- current issues of constitutional law;
- current issues of administrative law and administrative procedure;
- current issues of public service;
- current issues of anti-corruption efforts;
- current issues of international public law;
- current issues of law-enforcement activity.

3. Issues of criminal law and criminal procedure:

- current issues of criminal law;
- current issues of criminal procedure law;
- current issues of criminology;
- current issues of forensic science;
- current issues of forensic tactics;
- current issues of operational-investigative activity;
- current issues of penal (correctional) law;
- current issues of legal psychology;
- current issues of forensic examination studies.

4. Modern and specialized areas:

- current issues of prosecutorial oversight in the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- current issues of the legal profession (advocacy);
- current issues of juvenile justice;
- current issues of international criminal law;
- current issues of digital forensics;
- current issues of cybercrime investigation.

Information for Participants

To take part in the conference, participants must send the text of their presentation/scientific article (formatted in accordance with the requirements) to the Organizing Committee by e-mail. Articles are accepted in Kazakh, Russian, and English no later than **November 30, 2026 inclusive**.

Undergraduate students must submit a review by their academic supervisor, while master's students and doctoral candidates must submit an endorsement from their academic

supervisor. A scanned copy of the review or endorsement must be sent together with the participant's presentation/scientific article.

Participation in the conference is free of charge. Conference proceedings will be published.

The following requirements apply to the formatting of a scientific article:

The length of the article, including the abstract and the list of references, must not exceed **12 pages** of printed text. The minimum length of the article is **5 pages** (excluding the abstract and keywords). The pages of the article must be numbered. The UDC code must be indicated.

The authors, information about the authors, the article title, the abstract, and the keywords must be given in the language in which the article is written, as well as in Kazakh/Russian and English. **The abstract** must appear at the beginning of the text in Kazakh, Russian, and English (**8-10 lines required**). Before each abstract, write the author's surname and initials, place of work/study (university, faculty, year of study), and the article title in the corresponding language of the abstract. The keywords in Kazakh, Russian, and English then follow below the abstract, in the corresponding language of the abstract.

The abstract is a brief summary of the content of the scientific article. **Keywords** must ensure the fullest possible disclosure of the article's content; 5-10 keywords must be indicated.

The text must be typed in any version of Word. Font: Times New Roman; paper size: A4 (210×297 mm); font size: 12 pt. Line spacing: single. Justified alignment. Paragraph indent: 0.8 cm. Margins: top – 2 cm, bottom – 2 cm, left – 2 cm, right – 2 cm.

The text must not contain hidden formatting marks. The text must not be placed in frames, tables, or other objects with visible or hidden borders.

The scientific article must not contain charts, figures, or photographs.

The list of references used is placed at the end of/after the text of the article.

References to sources within the text of the article are given only in square brackets (without a quotation [1]; with a direct quotation or paraphrase of the author's text [1, p. 29]).

When formatting in-text references, punctuation marks (period, comma, colon, semicolon, etc.) are placed after the square brackets. For example: [1, p. 29], or [2, p. 30].

References in the article are numbered according to the sequence number of the source in the list of references at the end of the article. References are numbered in the order in which the source first appears/is used in the text (starting with 1, 2, 3, etc.). **Each source is numbered only once.** Archival materials are not included in the list; references to them are given in the text in parentheses.

When sources from electronic or remote-access resources (the Internet) are used in the article, the list of references must include the bibliographic entry of the source and a link to the online resource with its full web address. The date of access to the resource must always be indicated.

FOR EXAMPLE: (the bibliographic details are illustrative):

For books: Authors' surnames and initials. Title. – Edition information. – Place of publication: Publisher, Year of publication. – Total number of pages.

For example:

Kogamov M.Ch. Commentary on the Criminal Procedure Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan. General and Special Parts. – Almaty: Zheti Zhargy, 2015. – 352 p.

For journal articles: Authors' surnames and initials. Article title // Journal title. (Series). – Year of publication. – Volume. – Issue number. – Page range of the article (from beginning to end).

For example:

Bryzgalov A.I. On Certain Theoretical and Methodological Problems of Legal Science at the Present Stage // State and Law. – 2004. – No. 4. – pp. 17-22.

For conference proceedings, collected works, etc.: Authors' surnames and initials. Article title // Publication title: Type of publication. – Place, year of publication. – Volume. – Issue number. – Page range of the article (from beginning to end).

For example:

Teligisova S.S. The Procedural Status of the Investigator as a Subject of Criminal Procedure Relations // Bulletin of Orenburg State University. – 2012. – No. 3 (139). – pp. 205-212.

For dissertations and dissertation abstracts:

For example:

Ksenzov A.N. Informational Substantiation of Procedural Decisions of the Investigator: Candidate of Law dissertation. – St. Petersburg, 2001. – 195 p.

For sources from electronic or remote-access resources (the Internet):

For example:

1. Criminal Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated July 3, 2014, No. 226-V // https://online.zakon.kz/document/?doc_id=31575252#sub_id=0 (as of March 2, 2022)
2. Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan “On the Rights of the Child in the Republic of Kazakhstan” dated August 8, 2002, No. 345 // https://online.zakon.kz/Document/?doc_id=1032460 (as of May 3, 2022).
3. Universal Declaration of Human Rights of December 10, 1948 // https://www.un.org/ru/documents/decl_conv/declarations/declhr.shtml. (accessed March 10, 2022).

The author must transliterate the list of references used (References) into English and place it at the end of the article text. This can be done using the following link: <http://www.russki-mat.net/trans2.html>

For example:

1. Informacionno-analiticheskij obzor k proektu Zakona Respubliki Kazahstan «O vnesenii izmenenij i dopolnenij v nekotorye zakonodatel'nye akty Respubliki Kazahstan po voprosam sovershenstvovaniya ugolovnogo, ugolovno-processual'nogo zakonodatel'stva i usileniya zashchity prav lichnosti» g. Nur-Sultan dekabr' 2019 goda // <https://senate.parlam.kz/storage/> Data obrashcheniya 01.11.2021

Schematic Example of Article Formatting

- UDC.

- The following are centered:

- Authors' surnames and initials (e.g., I.V. Ivanov, S.P. Krylov)

- The full name of the institution the author represents (indicating the country and city). If the authors are from different institutions, the correspondence between author and institution is indicated using superscript numbers, for example:

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Article title (in bold)

- Abstract (Аңдатпа, Аннотация).

- Keywords (Түйінді сөздер, Ключевые слова)

- Text of the article.

- Bibliography (list of references used).

- References (transliteration).

- At the end of the article, information about the authors and their place of study (full name, university, faculty, year of study) is given in three languages.

Scientific articles that do not meet the formatting and content requirements will not be published. The main content of the article must not have been previously published anywhere; it must correspond to the conference topics, be timely, and possess scientific novelty.

All scientific papers submitted by conference participants are checked for borrowed material and for the use of text with synonymous substitution of words and expressions without changing the meaning (paraphrasing), including the use of text translated from another language (borrowing).

All scientific articles will be checked by the Organizing Committee for plagiarism using the Antiplagiat.ru program. The originality of the text of the scientific article must be at least 60%.

When writing an article, authors must not engage in:

- copying material from the Internet without indicating references to the sources, presenting someone else's work in whole or in part as one's own, and other forms of dishonest work;
- using someone else's text with minor changes to the sentences and presenting it as one's own. Even if the wording differs, the original idea remains the same, and this constitutes plagiarism;
- using various technical means and techniques to reduce or eliminate the possibility of detecting the unauthorized borrowing of someone else's text;
- self-plagiarism, i.e., an author's reuse of a substantial part of their own previously published work without citing the source;
- fabricating data, i.e., inventing data and research results.

Attention students, master's students, and doctoral candidates!

The Organizing Committee will select the best presentations (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place), which will be recognized with certificates and valuable prizes.

The winners of the competition will be announced based on its results, and the awards ceremony will take place offline at Caspian University (Academic Council meeting hall, Room 011).

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