**Introduction to Russian Property Law**

The main aim of the course is to provide students with general knowledge of Russian property law with the particular focus on the right of ownership. The students will learn basic rules of Russian property law and how they are applied by courts. The course will cover theoretical discussion that provides the essential background for legislation and court practice. The students will see what ideas formed the basis for contemporary Russian regulation of property rights, how these ideas are linked with the previous periods of Russian legal history (imperial and Soviet periods) and with general European debate on property rights. This broad comparative and historic context will help students grasp main ides of Russian property law. The students will also be encouraged to compare property rules in their countries with those in Russia.

The structure of the course is based on traditional syllabus for Russian students. It includes discussion of basic concepts (e.g. property rights, ownership, distinction between real and personal property), as well as certain technical rules (e.g. registration of property rights, acquisition of ownership, common ownership). One of the central topics of the course is the protection of ownership. It will cover different actions derived from Roman law that are traditionally used to recover property and protect its safe possession and compare these actions with the ways of protecting property in common law systems. It will also demonstrate that introduction of registration system requires development of new means of protecting property rights.

1. **Ownership and Limited Property Rights in Russian Law**

Types and basic characteristics of property rights. The concept of ownership and its place within the framework of property rights. Ownership and possession. Influence of European debate on Russian property theory. Trusts in Russia. Development of Russian legislation on property rights, the debates about the reform of property rights and the current status of this reform.

Lecture (2 hours), seminar (2 hours)

1. **Real and Personal Property in Russia**

Lecture (2 hours)

1. **Registration of Real Property in Russia**

Lecture (2 hours), seminar (2 hours)

1. **Acquisition and Loss of Ownership in Russian Law**

Lecture (1 hour), seminar (4 hours)

1. **Common Ownership Regimes in Russian Law**

Lecture (1 hour), seminar (2 hours)

1. **Specific Property Rights in Russian Law**

Lecture (2 hours), seminar (2 hours)

1. **Protection of Ownership in Russian Law**

Lecture (2 hours), seminar (4 hours)

1. **Future of Ownership in Russia**

Lecture (1 hour), seminar (2 hours)