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NB! The most important from the Newsletter

- There will be 6 sections and 2 panel discussion at our Conference.
- We don't have any winners or prize winners.
- Co-authorship is welcome!
- The first week – in Lomonosov MSU and SPbU, the second – MGIMO of the MFA of Russia and Kutafin MSAL.
- Deadline for papers submission is October 30 at 11:59 p.m.
- You can and should express your opinion and encourage a healthy discussion in our sessions.
- Submitting a paper via Lomonosov is not difficult! Instructions are on our community menu.
- Research paper volume: 10-60 thousand characters (with spaces).
- An example of the formatting of a research paper is attached.
- If you do not want to speak, just send us your work, we'll give you credit for participation.
- You may choose not to write a paper and participate as a Conference listener. Everyone is welcome!
- Do you have any questions? Reach out to the contact people on the organizing committee, they will pretend to help you out

DEAR COLLEAGUES

International Scientific Conference “Federalism in Contemporary Public Law” (hereinafter - Conference, FCPL-2023) will be held on November 7- 17, 2023 at the Lomonosov Moscow State University, St Petersburg University, Moscow State Institute of International Relations (University) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and the Kutafin Moscow State Law University.

The Conference is hybrid, i.e. implies both in-person and online participation. All sections will be streamed on YouTube.

Conference organizers are::

- Federalist Discussion Club;
- Department of Constitutional and Municipal Law of the Faculty of Law of the Lomonosov MSU;
- Department of Constitutional Law of the International Law School MGIMO of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation;
- Department of Constitutional Law of the Faculty of Law SPbU;
- Department of Constitutional and Municipal Law of the Kutafin MSAL;
- Student Council and Scientific Student Society of the Faculty of Law of the Lomonosov Moscow State University;
- MGIMO Law Club;
- Student Association of the Kutafin MSAL;
- Student Scientific Society of the Faculty of Law of St. Petersburg State University.

Undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students, as well as current researchers and professors are invited to participate in the Conference.

Conference working languages: Russian, English.

Conference Program

Thematic sessions - platforms for hearing reports, taking into account the expert opinion and subsequent discussion within one block of scientific problems.

Panel discussions - a form of interactive communication as a dialogue platform, designed to form and create a system of receiving constant feedback.

Note!

We highly appreciate and respect the research work of all participants, that is why there are no winners and prize-winners of sessions in our Conference. **Equal evaluation of scientific works is a principal position of the Organizing Committee.**

An **electronic diploma** of participation will be sent to each participant who personally participated in the Conference sessions.

The literature collections on various issues of state structure, which are made by the Federalist Discussion Club, can help you during preparing papers. They can be found in the club's VKontakte group: <https://vk.com/federalism>

CONFERENCE OPENING SESSION

PANEL DISCUSSION

“WHY DO WE NEED TO RESEARCH THE FORMS OF THE STATE?”

November 7, 2023

Moscow, Faculty of Law of Lomonosov Moscow State University

Politicization of scientific research especially affects legal science. However, the categories familiar to several generations of researchers of the state and law are acquiring a new meaning, so there are more and more frequent proposals to revise traditional approaches to the form of the state, or even to reject this category altogether. In the framework of this panel discussion it is proposed to discuss topical problems of the forms of the state, the correlation of the form of government, the form of state-territorial organization and political regime from the perspective of social sciences.

Participants: invited Russian and foreign experts (with reports), young scientists and current researchers (without reports as panelists).

Languages: Russian and English (simultaneous translation).

SESSION “30 YEARS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION: OUTCOMES FOR FEDERALISM AND LOCAL SELF- GOVERNANCE”

November 8, 2023

Moscow, Faculty of Law of Lomonosov Moscow State University

Federalism and local self-government according to Chapter 1 of the Russian Constitution are the foundations of the constitutional system, but the practice of implementation of these norms is far from the generally accepted understanding of the institutions of federalism and local self-government. The thirtieth anniversary of the Constitution of the Russian Federation is a symbolic call for a discussion on the state of Russian federalism and local self-government, their institutional organization and possible prospects. The study of the obvious and hidden meanings of these institutions of Russian constitutional law in the context of other elements of the form of the state will allow us to better understand the logic of further development of Russian statehood.

Participants: invited experts (with the possibility of a plenary report), young scientists and researchers (with and without reports).

Languages: Russian and English (simultaneous translation is available).

SESSION “HISTORY AND THEORY OF FEDERALISM”

November 9, 2023

Moscow, Faculty of Law of Lomonosov Moscow State University

Studies of the history and theory of federalism are deeply interconnected and interdependent. The historical context influences theoretical approaches to state building in the same way as theories embodied in practice predetermine the course of the historical process. That is why studying the reasons for the successes and failures of past federal systems can provide objective information about the direction in which modern federations will develop.

Participants: invited experts (with the possibility of a plenary report), young scientists and researchers (with and without reports).

Languages: Russian and English (simultaneous translation is available).

SESSION “FISCAL FEDERALISM AND SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT”

November 11, 2023

St Petersburg, Faculty of Law of St Petersburg University

The issue of organization of finances in the federal system is central to the discussion of the implementation of the competence of the federal and regional levels of government, thus affecting the real political situation of federalism. The extensive list of powers of the federation subjects does not guarantee them full autonomy from the federal level, and the increase in this list leads to an increase in the credit obligations of the federation subjects. On the other hand, excessive centralization of finances entails infringement of political rights of the federation subjects, which may result in a prolonged crisis. The search for ways to balance federal and regional budgets is the most important theoretical issue, which has applied significance in the context of overcoming the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, organizing regional integrations and in the reconstruction of war-affected regions.

Participants: invited experts (with the possibility of a plenary report), young scientists and researchers (with and without reports).

Languages: Russian and English (simultaneous translation is available).

SESSION “REGIONAL INTEGRATIONS”

November 13, 2023

Moscow, International Law School, Moscow State Institute of International Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia

Regional integration processes on the Eurasian continent have a long history and have long attracted the attention of scholars from around the world. However, with the diversification of the global economy and the emergence of a multipolar world, the experience of the European Union is beginning to be used by various integration associations on other continents. The adaptation of this experience to local peculiarities, as well as the growth of Euroskepticism prove the failure of the classical European view of integration processes. In turn, this requires the development of a general theory of regional integration based on the experience of regional integration associations in their comparative perspective.

Participants: invited experts (with the possibility of a plenary report), young scientists and researchers (with and without reports).

Languages: Russian and English (simultaneous translation is available).

SESSION “COMPARATIVE FEDERALISM”

November 15, 2023

Moscow, International Law School, Moscow State Institute of International Relations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia

Comparative federalism is the forefront of federalism research: the comparison of modern and historical federal systems greatly enriches the theory of federalism. The main problems of modern comparative federalism are the issues of the influence of regional, political and socio-economic peculiarities on the institutional design of the federal system. Further study of federal systems from these points of view will make it possible to predict with a high degree of reliability the development of federal systems and regional integrations around the world.

Participants: invited experts (plenary report is an option), students (with and without reports).

Languages: English.

SESSION “FEDERALISM IN LAW AND PRACTICE”

November 16, 2023

Moscow, Kutafin Moscow State Law University

The institutional design of the federal system is manifested not only in the declarative provisions of the constitution, but also in the institutional organization of power in the subjects of the federation and subnational legislation in various spheres. The study of the correlation between federal and regional legislation and law enforcement practice on various issues is not only one of the most important and complex issues in the study of federalism, but also the most vivid illustration of “living federalism”.

Participants: invited experts (with the possibility of a plenary report), young scientists and researchers (with and without reports).

Languages: Russian and English (simultaneous translation is available).

CLOSING SESSION

FORESIGHT-SESSION: “FEDERALISM AND HUMAN RIGHTS”

November 17, 2023

Moscow, Kutafin Moscow State Law University

The crisis in international relations, caused by the aggravation of international armed conflicts and the strengthening of unilateral restrictive measures, directly affects the legal status and standard of living of people living in certain territories. Critical analysis of the status of individuals in such territories is unlikely to automatically solve all the problems of large groups of people who find themselves in a difficult life situation for political reasons, but it will help to eliminate high-minded and abstract rhetoric from scientific discourse. Federalism in its various forms has proven its usefulness as a means of solving hot and cold conflicts, connecting and disconnecting entire states, but can it improve the lives of ordinary people?

Participants: invited experts, young scholars and researchers (with and without papers).

Languages: Russian and English (simultaneous translation).

IMPORTANT DATES

- Acceptance of participants' applications - until 30.10
- Result of the competitive selection - not later than 01.11

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To participate in the Conference “Federalism in Contemporary Public Law” you need to register on the “Lomonosov” website. With a personal profile you will be able to apply for participation and send a research paper. Detailed instructions on how to create a personal profile and on the registration procedure can be found in the official Conference community.

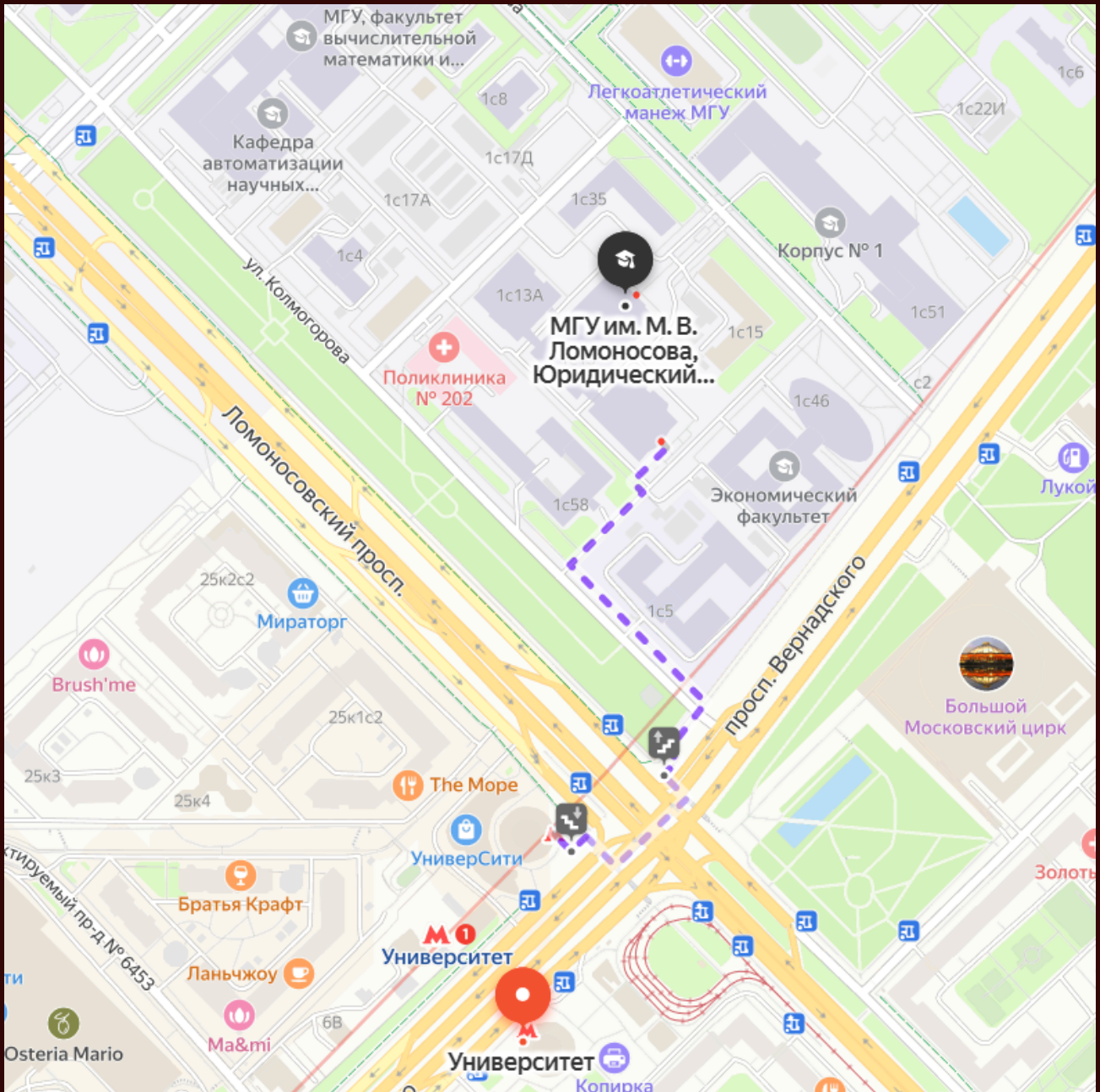
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RESEARCH PAPER

- Not previously published and scientifically new;
- Office Word text file;
- Must contain the title of the paper, full name, author(s) information, e-mail address, abstract (100-150 words) and keywords (5-8 words) - in Russian and English;
- 12 Times New Roman font;
- Single line spacing;
- Formatting of bibliographical references according to citation style Vancouver, page numbering under the main text;
- The paper should contain the title (title of the topic);
- The volume of the work: no less than 10 and no more than 60 thousand printed characters (with spaces);
- Originality: not less than 70%;
- At the end of the work a bibliographic list in Russian and English languages (up to 10 sources) is drawn up.

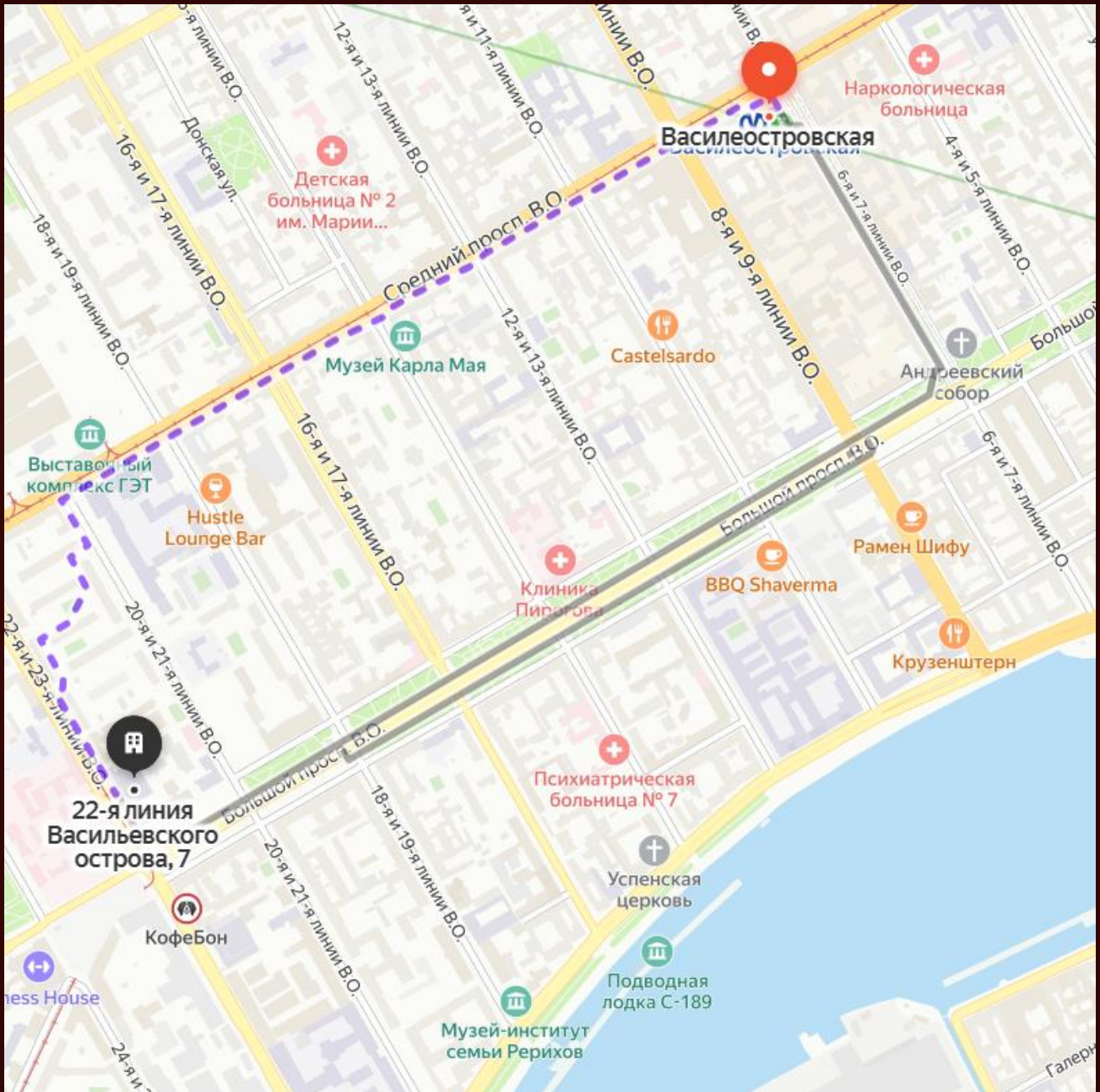
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- In case of non-compliance with the established rules (incomplete data about the author, exceeding the established volume of the paper, etc.) the Organizing Committee has the right to REVERSE participation in the conference.
- The Organizing Committee reserves the right not to specify the reasons for rejection of the papers.
- Co-authorship is allowed, but not more than three authors. When writing a paper in co-authorship, each author of the paper must submit an application for participation in the conference by filling out an electronic questionnaire.
- Any participant of the Conference may attend any session as a listener. Participation in the Conference is free of charge.
- Expenses related to travel to Moscow and St. Petersburg, accommodation and meals shall be reimbursed by the sending party.
- On the basis of the request of a full-time participant of the Conference, a personal invitation to the Conference may be issued on behalf of the Organizing Committee to compensate travel expenses in accordance with the procedure established by the sending party.
- It should be noted that the Organizing Committee does not facilitate the booking of apartments.

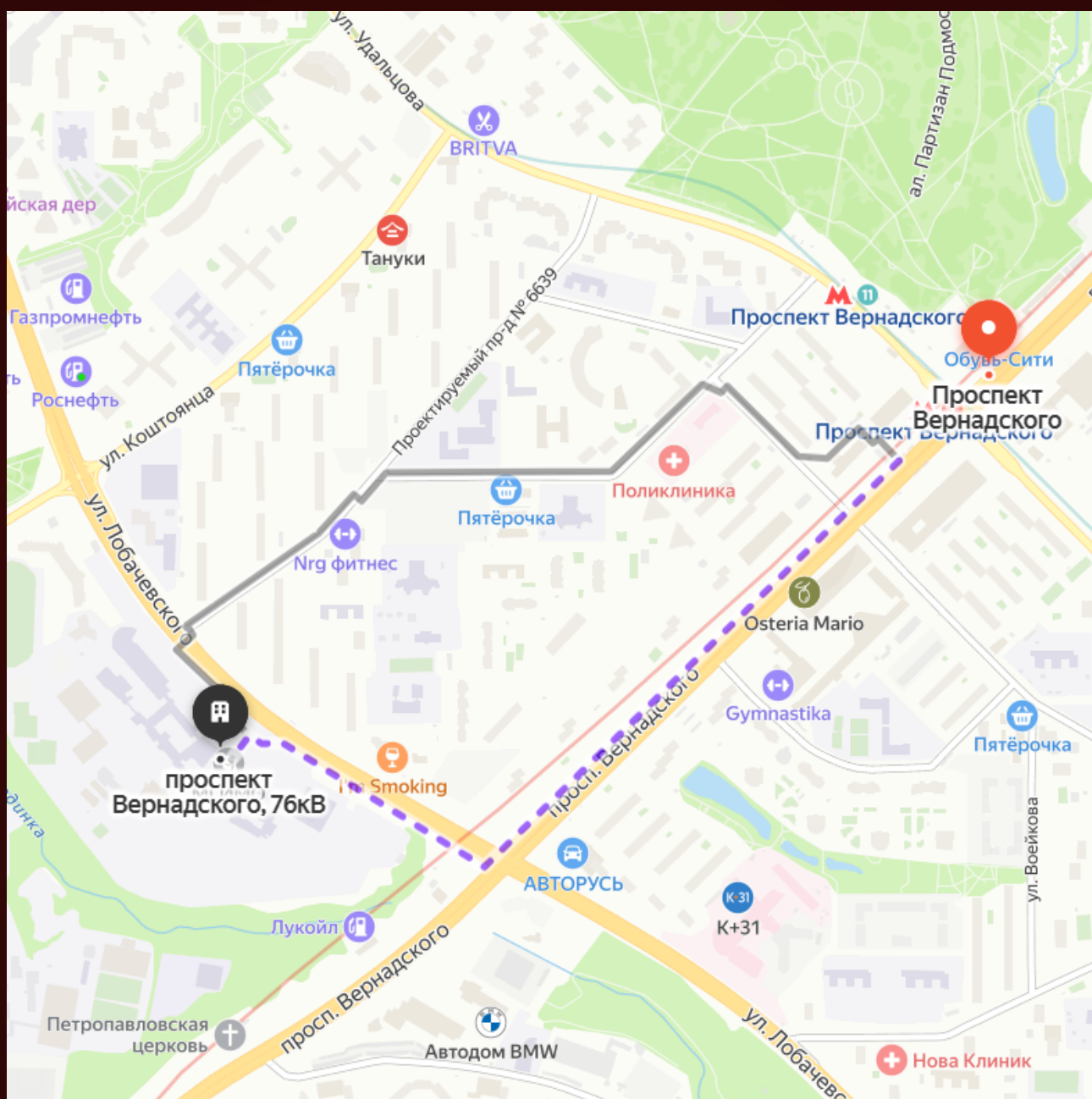
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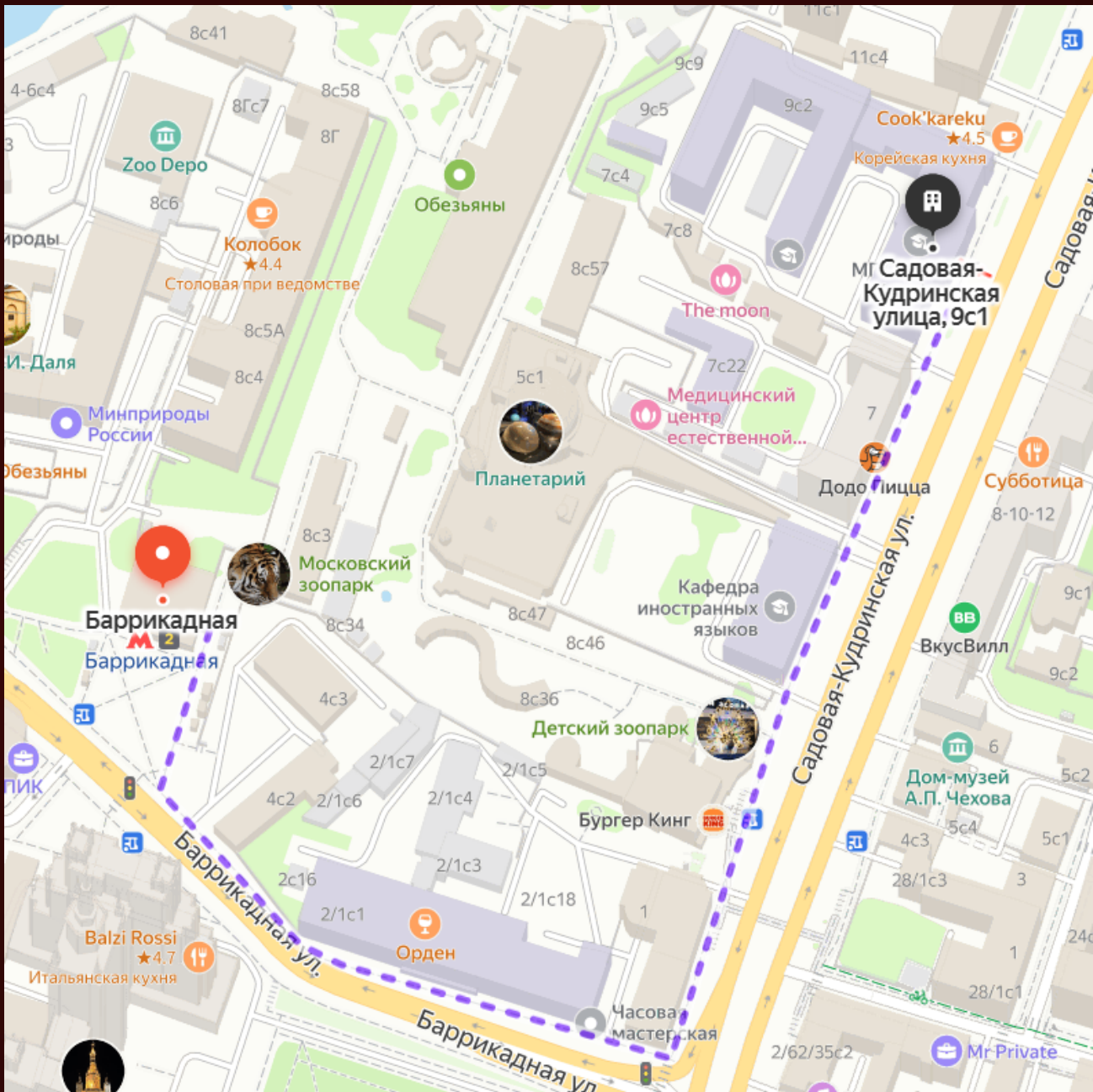
On November 7, 8, 9 the Conference will be held in the Lomonosov Moscow State University: Moscow, Leninskie Gory, 1, bldg. 13, 4th academic building (metro station “University”). Entrance to the territory of the University is by invitation only. Entrance to the territory of the University is by invitation only..



November 11 the Conference will be held in the St Petersburg University: St Petersburg, 22 line of Vasilevsky Island, 7 (“Vasileostrovskaya” metro station). Entrance to the territory of the University is by invitation only.



November 13, 15 the Conference will be held in the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (University) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation: Moscow, Vernadskogo avenue, 76, building V (metro station “Prospekt Vernadskogo”). Entrance to the territory of the University is by invitation only.



November 16, 17 the Conference will be held in the Kutafin Moscow State Law University: Moscow, 9 Sadovaya-Kudrinskaya str. Sadovaya-Kudrinskaya, 9 (“Barrikadnaya” and “Krasnopresnenskaya” metro stations). Entrance to the territory of the University is by invitation only.

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The Organizing Committee of the conference is located at: 1,
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YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkOFaY9uKujW2hD-P1wiiJw>

For more information about the conference, please visit:

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msu.ru/rus/event/7626/?ysclid=l86gh2ggkh979322996](https://lomonosov-msu.ru/rus/event/7626/?ysclid=l86gh2ggkh979322996)

For general questions you can contact the Co-Chairs of the
Conference Organizing Committee.

If you have any questions regarding the organization of your
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