Lawyers in Authoritarian Politics: Building a Comparative Research Network

International Workshop

3–4 November 2026 · Campus Condorcet, Paris

Organized by Ekaterina Khodzhaeva and Mirjam Künkler

Venue

Campus Condorcet – Hôtel à Projets and Humathèque

3 November 2026: Hôtel à Projets, Room 0.010 (ground floor)

Zoom link: https://campus-condorcet.zoom.us/j/87611733225?pwd=7n7Oed2g7aC3gubISLNvd1bqvsLjCW.1

4 November 2026: Humathèque, Open space (ground floor)

Zoom link: https://campus-condorcet.zoom.us/j/88079367341?pwd=AarFt6ELQb2rQmWbd8EjZejkZbNhVX.1

List of presenters

- **Mirjam Kuenkler** – co-organizer, Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- **Ekaterina Khodzhaeva** – co-organizer, ISP, Paris-Nanterre University, France
- **Aryna Dzmitryieva** – FernUniversität, Hagen, Germany
- **Denis Shedov** – University of Helsinki, Finland; Center for Socio-Legal Studies, University of Oxford, UK
- **Ertuğ Tombuş** – CCRD, Center for Comparative Research on Democracy, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany
- **Gülçin Balamir Coşkun** – CCRD, Center for Comparative Research on Democracy, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany
- **Karinna Moskalenko** – Center for International Protection, International Association of Russian Advocates, Strasbourg, France
- **Qin (Sky) Ma** – Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law, Freiburg, Germany

Programme

3 November

- 14:00 · Introductions
- 14:20 – 15:20 · **Aryna Dzmitryieva** – *Displacement as a Condition for the Articulation of Rule-of-Law Consciousness among Exiled Belarusian Lawyers*

  Discussant: **Karinna Moskalenko**

15:20 – 16:20 · **Gülçin Balamir Coşkun and Ertug Tombus** – *"Lawyering from Outside: The Turkey Human Rights Litigation Support Project and Transnational Legal Support"*

- Discussant: **Ekaterina Khodzhaeva**

16:20 – 16:35 · Break

- 16:35 – 17:35 · **Mirjam Künkler** – *The Iranian Bar Associations: Demise by Replacement*

  Discussant: **Ekaterina Khodzhaeva**

- 17:35 – 18:35 · **Karinna Moskalenko** – *From Self-Governance to Control: Institutional Capture and the Protection of Lawyers in Russia*

  Discussant: **Aryna Dzmitryieva**

- 18:35 – 19:00 · Discussion

4 November

- 09:30 – 10:15 · **Denis Shedov** – *Cause Lawyering in Exile: Russian Human Rights Lawyers in Europe after 2022*

  Discussant: **Aryna Dzmitryieva**

- 10:15 – 11:00 · **Ekaterina Khodzhaeva** – *Between Resistance and Displacement: Russian Human Rights Lawyers in Exile*

  Discussant: **Denis Shedov**

11:00 – 11:15 · Break

- 11:15 – 12:00 · **Qin Ma (Sky)** – *Between Two Bars: Chinese Lawyers Abroad and the Cross-Border Reach of Home Regulation*

  Discussant: **Mirjam Künkler**

- 12:00 – 12:45 · Closing discussion