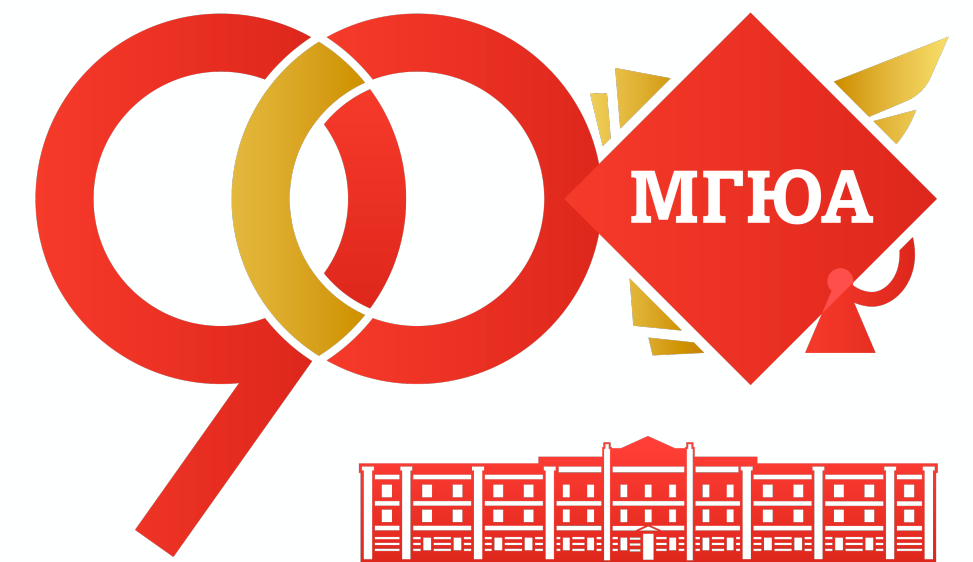


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2021 was declared the Cross-year of Regional Cooperation between Russia and France. Kutafin Moscow State Law University (MSAL) actively develops cooperation with French organizations and higher education institutions. Currently, MSAL actively cooperates with Lumiere University Lyon 2, Paris West University Nanterre La Defense and the University of Bordeaux.

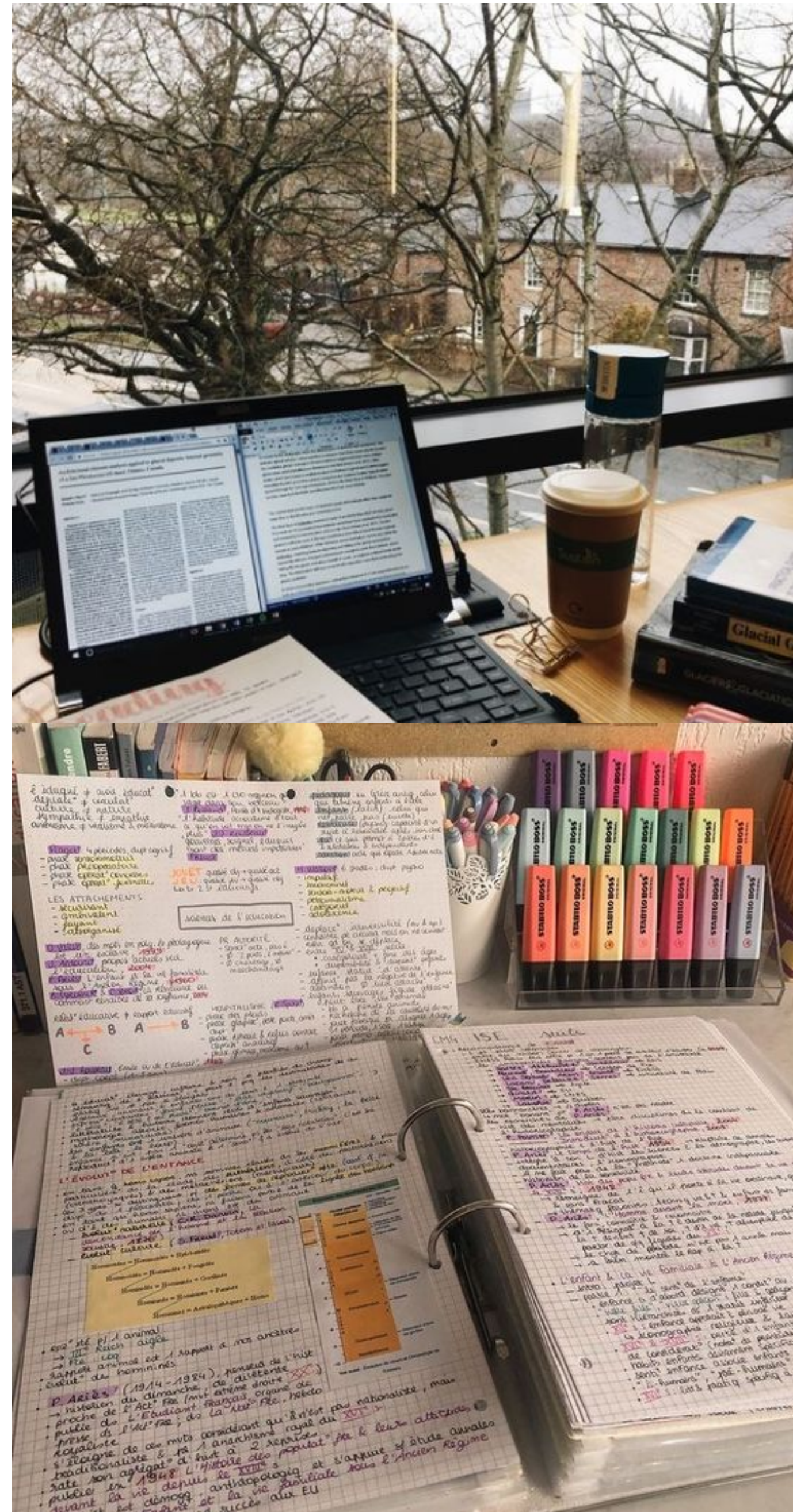
In 2020, MSAL concluded agreements with the Clermont Auvergne University (France) and Toulouse 1 Capitole University (France). Annually Kutafin Moscow State Law University (MSAL) holds the International Legal Forum "Modern Problems of Law and Economic in Europe and Asia". April 8, 2021 the Kutafin Moscow State Law University (MSAL) hosted the International Scientific and Practical Conference "Modern concept of development of law in Russia and France in the era of digital innovation". The event was held as part of the

VIII Moscow Legal Forum with the support of the Embassy of France in Russia.

In this digest, the International Cooperation Department offers the information about the latest news in the field of education and immerse yourself in the culture of France.

Education in times of covid-19 pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has deeply affected most countries all over the world. The fast-spreading virus influences all aspects of life without exception. This tragedy has also shaken up the educational systems across the world. One of the ways to contain the spread of the disease is still compliance with social (physical) distancing. One of the measures to continue the educational process was the transition to distance learning. In the age of information technology, distance learning has become an integral part of our lives. Our partner universities in France, Germany, Poland and Italy have also switched to a distance or mixed (blended) learning.



Distance learning

Despite the high level of development of modern technologies and different types of social networks, distance learning has become a new discovery for the society. There are a lot of pros and benefits that distance learning has given us.

One of the most important benefits of distance learning is that it minimizes contacts between large groups of people and reduces the risk of infection. It is also important that distance learning allows one to save a huge amount of time that is usually spent on travelling to the university and back.

INTERVIEW



Marina Biryukova, the Head of the Department of Foreign Languages, PhD in Pedagogy, Associate Professor

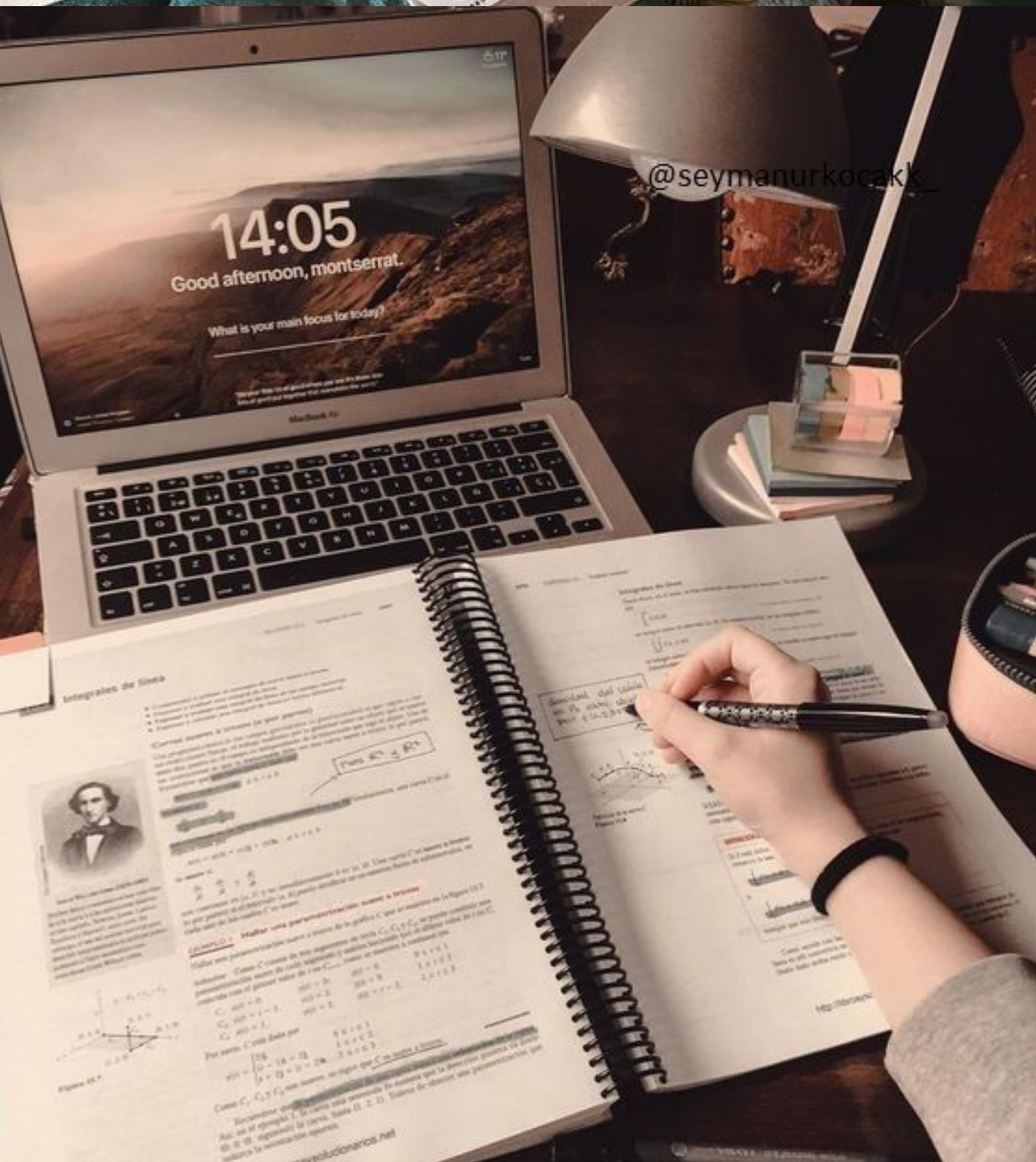
"Distance learning is an effective and perspective way of educating students in the age of information technology. It allows students to connect to lectures and seminars from different countries. Due to the pandemic our students of the Preparatory Department of Russian as a foreign language were deprived of the immersion in the Russian-speaking environment. Despite all the difficulties, they master their command of the Russian language with the assistance of their teachers, who also cultivate students' love for Russian culture and history. Students are in constant contact with their professors, communicate in Russian and study works of famous Russian writers, architects and artists. Distance learning is undoubtedly a great challenge for the teaching staff. In my opinion, our University lecturers are brilliantly coping with their work in such a difficult time".

"In the current circumstances, distance learning has become an integral part of the life of a modern student. Distance learning is convenient and mobile, both for teachers and students. Thanks to distance learning educators can quickly organize a scientific event or a meeting with the students on an online platform. Students found themselves in a new environment: now they have more free time for independent work, which is a plus because such work develops logic, perseverance, the ability to focus and it will come in handy when they graduate from the University and start working".

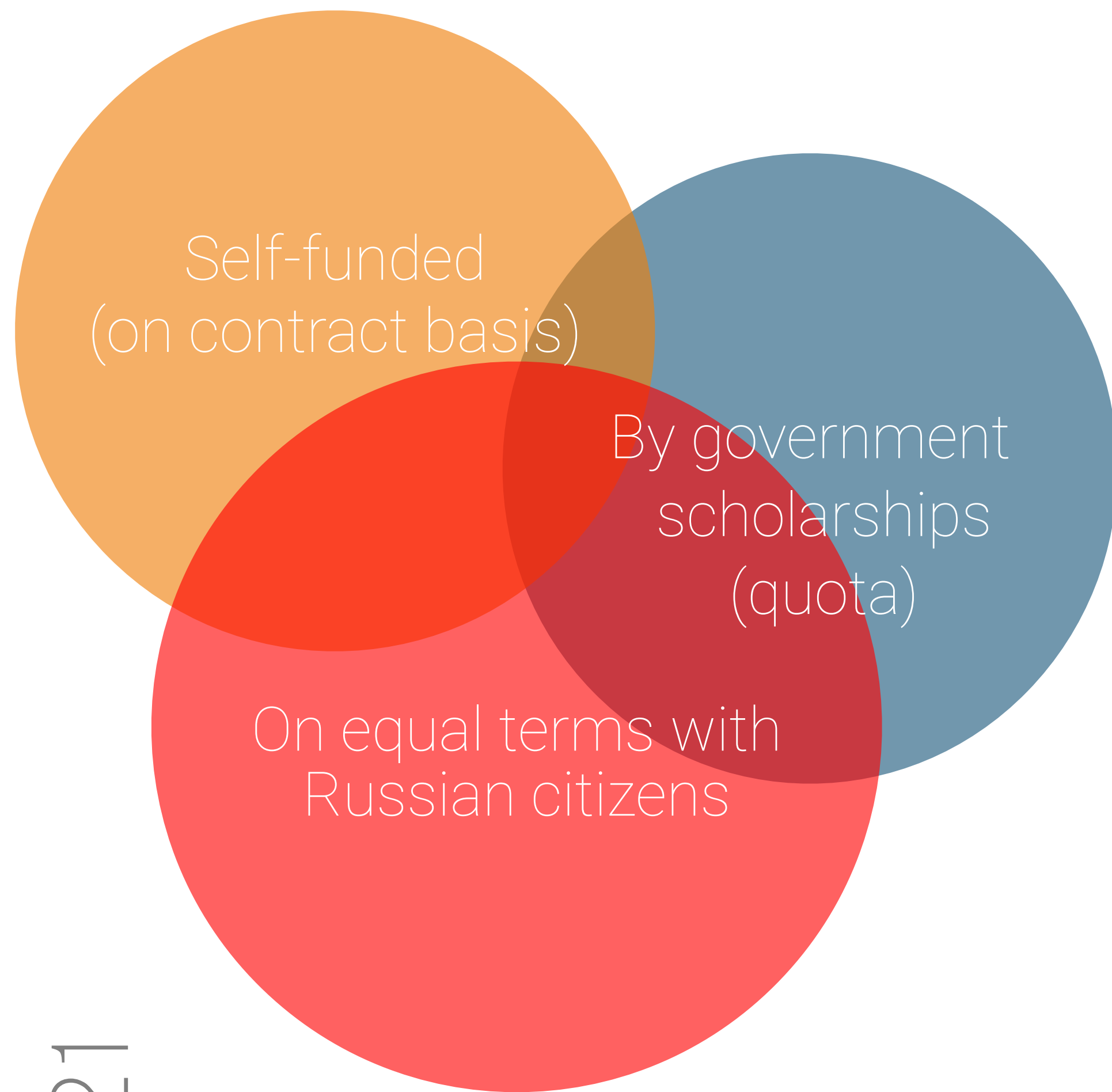


International online educational platform **Coursera**

Due to online courses everyone has the opportunity to virtually study at leading universities and business schools, listen to lectures and master classes from leading representatives of their profession, and along the way to improve their English skills. MSAL follows international trends, thus its students and staff were able to get free online education on the Coursera platform. About 1,500 students and employees of the University studied blockchain, investment, programming, artificial intelligence, SMM, design and profiling. Also, registered users were able to get one course for free for a year.



Admission of foreign citizens to Russian universities



Choose a profession, university and educational program
you are interested in

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Get an invitation and apply for a student visa

Irina Kochneva, student of the MSAL from Uzbekistan

“In 2020, I decided to enter the master’s program, as my professional activity forces me to move to a higher level, which required new knowledge. The search for an educational institution that would meet such high standards, led me to Russia. Studying the rating of legal universities in Russia made me choose Kutafin Moscow State Law University (MSAL). Documents submission and entrance tests were carried out online, which turned out to be very convenient in terms of saving money and time. Throughout the whole process I constantly felt the help and support of the University staff”.

People

**MSAL — for those who
would like to connect their
professional life with the law**

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level**



Tsung Jiaao, MSAL graduate from China

“I really liked my studying at MSAL. There are a lot of really good educators there who do their work professionally, love and know their subject well. I liked the study, especially the emphasis on practice. For us, international students, there is also an opportunity to practice in courts and other law enforcement agencies — this is very unexpected”.

A semester abroad program

This is an invaluable experience that a student can get at the Kutafin University (MSAL). This program allows meeting people from different countries, gain new knowledge about a country, its legal system, traditions, lifestyle, and mentality

“Semester Abroad” is a program of academic mobility of students which allows them to study at a partner university, get acquainted with the basics of foreign legislation and acquire skills in working with foreign legal databases. Full immersion in the language environment and culture of another country will increase the level of foreign language proficiency. Studying abroad opens up new career prospects for aspiring lawyers



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This year MSAL and Toulouse 1 Capitole University (France) are actively negotiating an agreement on the network form of implementation of educational programs at the bachelor's level. The package of bilateral agreements will allow Russian students (during their undergraduate studies) to also get a licentiate level at French higher education institutions. It will be possible due to the fact that two years out of four they will study at our partner university with full immersion in the language and cultural environment of another country. French students will also have equal opportunities: they will spend half of their studies "on a visit" and will be able to get a diploma of higher education at MSAL.





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France is one of the most symbolic countries on the planet. Each province, town, village, castle, vineyard, and even any public association has its own coat of arms, flag, motto, and other aesthetic attributes. Numerous national symbols are associated with The French Revolution (XVIIIth century), the French flag (tricolour) the vertical stripes of which have their own meaning (the white is associated with the monarchy, the red - with the republic, and the blue represents Charlemagne, Clovis and other early rulers of the country), the Marseillaise (the national anthem since 1946, although it has been used much longer - since July 30, 1792, when the militia of the revolutionary Marseille entered Paris) and the famous “Gallic rooster” - an unofficial symbol of the country since the era of Renaissance. Another well-recognized symbol of the country is the female figure of Marianne which portrays the republic as the motherland and personifies the motto “Freedom, Equality, Fraternity”.

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At the age of six, children start primary school (also known as *ecole primaire*), where they study basic skills of reading, writing and arithmetic. Approximately at the age of eleven, the high school (college) period begins and lasts for four years. Then education continues in specialized schools of higher level (*lycee d'enseignement general et technologique* or *lycee professionnel*). Graduates of such schools receive bachelor's degree (*Baccalaureat general* или *Baccalaureat technologique*) which is necessary for admission to a university or technical school.



After graduation from the technical and vocational school, a certificate of professional training (*Certificat d'Aptitude professionnelle*) or a diploma with the right to enter the university (*Brevet d'Etudes professionnelles*) is issued.

After graduation from the university, a bachelor's degree in a particular professional field (*Baccalaureat professionnel*) is awarded.

Contrary to popular belief, obtaining a bachelor's degree in France is quite a serious challenge. Those who do not pass the exams for the course can be left for the second year or prepare and pass the exams on their own, but again - not earlier than a year later. It is important to note that it is impossible to admit to the university without a bachelor's degree.

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The French higher educational system consists of universities, higher schools (grandes ecoles) and institutions of advanced training. In France, there are currently more than 70 universities, graduates of which receive diplomas on basic higher education (diplome d'Etudes universitaires generals) after two years of study, diploma of completion of three university courses (licence) and Master`s degree (maitrise) which is the full course of study.

French higher schools (grand ecoles) are elite educational institutes with highly competitive admission requirements based on the exam. Successful completion of such an educational institution guarantees good career prospects in any sector of the economy since the level of teaching there is usually higher than in universities ensures a pronounced professional specialization.





In French “étiquette” means both “etiquette” and “ceremony”. And indeed, formalities, traditions and rituals are given quite a lot of attention there.

Due to the abundance of all sorts of unspoken rules and regulation many foreigners compare France with Japan. But this is another cliché, an outer shell that immediately catches the eye of a foreigner only because of the special national character of the country. In fact, the French are as democratic and open as any other nation of the Western Europe. They simply used to turn even the most insignificant event into a mini-performance – a trait which can also be easily found in Italians or Spaniards, for example. If you have the common tact, it is no more difficult to communicate with French than with any other European.

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While maintaining a general emphatically polite attitude to others it is not customary to smile at strangers in public places. Also, many foreigners note that the French try not to look into the eyes of unfamiliar people and by no means do they raise their voices in a conversation. At the same time, when visiting a store or cafe, the guest must greet the owner immediately after entering, and the owner of the establishment usually responds in the same way, even if he is not familiar with the customer. It is also unthinkable for a Frenchman to start a conversation with a stranger (for example, to help choose a product or order a dish) without a preliminary greeting.



INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES AT THE KUTAFIN MOSCOW STATE LAW UNIVERSITY (MSAL)

PRESENT AND FUTURE

International activities at MSAL is several hundred international students, international events with invited foreign professors and lawyers from all over the world, and the International Cooperation Department which organizes all these events.

Plans and goals of the Division:

- to increase its competitiveness on the market of educational services;
- enhancement of the international prestige of the University as a highly professional educational and research center;
- bringing the quality of educational and research activities to the modern world level.

RESULTS OF

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General Agreement on cooperation with additional
agreements on exchange of students for study and research,
as well as on the exchange of academic staff and research
assistance for main purpose of teaching with the Clermont
Auvergne University (France)

Cooperation agreements with
additional academic mobility
agreements with Toulouse 1 Capitole
University (France)

RESULTS 2020



I Summer School of Foreign Law of the Kutafin Moscow State Law University (MSAL)

June 25 - 26, 2020

The event was attended by more than 60 participants, including representatives of the Russian Federation, France, Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ireland, the USA and Vietnam.



International Online Symposium "The role and importance of law in the context of a pandemic COVID-19"

July 6 - 7, 2020

The Symposium was organized by the International cooperation department of the Kutafin Moscow State Law University (MSAL) jointly with the Department of Integration and European Law, the Department of Information Law and Digital Technologies, Department of Constitutional and Municipal Law and Department of Private International Law.

The event was attended by more than 70 speakers, including representatives of Russia, France, Switzerland, India, Brazil and Italy.



Third International Legal Forum “Modern Problems of Law and Economics in Europe and Asia”

September 14 - 15, 2020

The event was organized by the International Alliance of lawyers and economists (France); Swiss Centre for International Humanitarian Law (Zurich, Switzerland); the University of Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi (Miami, USA).

The event was attended by more than 100 speakers, including representatives of Russia, France, the USA (Miami) and Switzerland.



Educational exhibition of Russian universities “I’m going to study in Russia!”

October 22, 2020

Presentation of the Kutafin Moscow State Law University (MSAL) for the Turkish audience. The event focuses on the popularization of Russian vocational education and attracting fellow countrymen and foreign citizens to study in Russia. The exhibition was arranged by the Federal Agency for the Commonwealth of Independent State Affairs, Compatriots Living Abroad, and International Humanitarian Cooperation (Rossotrudnichestvo).

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**CURRENT
EVENTS**

January 18, 2021

Lecture “Business and Protection of Intellectual Rights in China”

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Aleksey A. Maslov, Ph.D., Director of the
Institute of Far Eastern Asian Studies of
Russian Academy of Sciences, Professor

January 19-20, 2021

First Winter Online School of Foreign Law “Law and technology: new challenges in the context of digitalization”

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The event was attended by more than 80 participants from Russian and foreign universities, including representatives of the Russian Federation, France, China, India and Ukraine.

February 2, 2021

International Scientific and Practical Conference “Law and Space: Current Problems and World Development Trends”

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The event was attended by more than 100 participants, including representatives of Italy, Poland, India, China and the USA. The Conference was also attended by the delegation of SJC «Russian Space Systems» which was headed by Denis Melnikov, Deputy Director General for law of the company.

February 15, 2021

International Student Online Conference “Legal Education without Borders: Opportunities for Academic Mobility”



The event was attended by students from Russian and foreign universities, including representatives of France, China and India.

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February 18, 2021

International Online Conference “Academic Partnerships as a Form of International Cooperation”



The Conference was attended by professors from Russia, France, Italy, Spain, Poland, India, as well as representatives of the Russian Council for International Affairs and the Russian Centre for Science and Culture in Mumbai (India).

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April 8, 2021

International Scientific and Practical Conference “Modern concept of development of law in Russia and France in the era of digital innovation”

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The event was held as part of the VIII Moscow Legal Forum with the support of the Embassy of France in Russia.

April 9, 2021

International Scientific and Practical Conference “Conceptual approaches to the transformation of law in the era of socio-economic changes”



The event was held as part of the VIII Moscow Legal Forum and brought together participants from Russia, Italy, the USA, Spain and Poland.

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April 21, 2021

International Symposium “Current problems of development of business and corporate law in the XXI century in Russia and foreign countries”



The event was coincided with the fifth anniversary of the publication of the scientific and practical journal “Journal of Business and Corporate law” of the publishing house Yustitsinform.

The event was attended by more than 100 participants from France, Italy, Spain, India and the USA.

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April 21, 2021

Presentation of the monograph “Current problems of the development of business and corporate law in Russia and abroad”

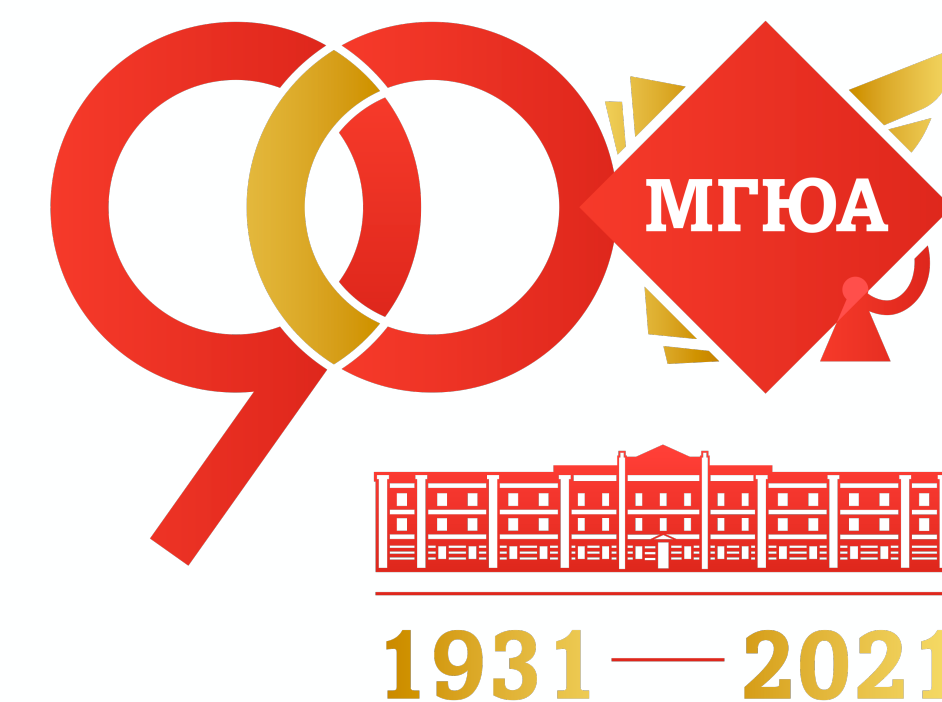


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