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**Project : Migrant Law Russia: Migration, Shadow
Economy and Parallel Legal Orders in Russia**

Background

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- 2013-2017: Postdoctoral fellowships at Lund University, University of Cambridge, University of Copenhagen and University of Helsinki
- 2018-2019: Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow at the University of Helsinki
- 2020 – Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology of Law, Lund University and Senior Researcher and Docent in Russian and Eurasian Studies at the University of Helsinki

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Research Areas

- Corruption and Informality
- Socio-Legal Approaches to Migration
- Muslim Identities in Prison Contexts
- Islamic Public Administration
- Law and Society in Central Asia
- Russian and Post-Soviet Studies

Current Research

Rustam works at the intersection of sociology of law and ethnography, studying migration, corruption, governance and penal institutions in the context of Russia and Central Asia.

1) The Political Economy of Non-Western Migration Regimes: Migration and Legal Informality in Russia and Turkey. Palgrave (contract signed, forthcoming 2021)

The book proceeds from the observation that migrant's experiences and relationship with the host country's laws and institutions under non-Western,



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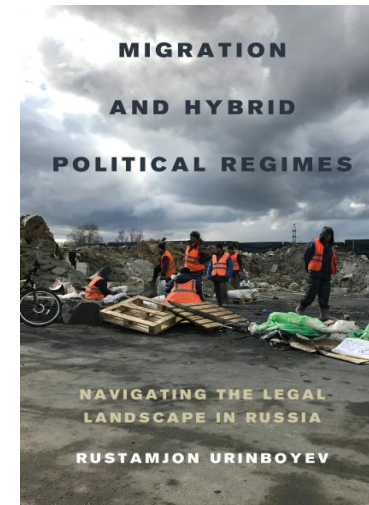
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Navigating the Legal Landscape in Russia

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"This book not only provides a brilliant analysis of the under-researched Russian case but also significantly adds to the existing knowledge of undocumentedness, informality, and migrant agency."—Joaquín Arango, Professor of Sociology, Complutense University of Madrid

"Rustam Urinboyev's empathetic and patient interviewing style has allowed him to shine a light on the complex social relationships, parallel legal orders, and behavioral norms that give shape and security to the lives of labor migrants in Moscow. This is a remarkable book, rich in stories of extraordinary people that are embedded in theoretical analysis."—Judith Pallot, University of Oxford and Research Director of GULAGECHOES, Aleksanteri Institute, Helsinki.

"Ethnographically rich and theoretically ambitious, *Migration and Hybrid Political Regimes* reveals the informal practices and extra-legal negotiations through which migrant workers, employers, middlemen and street-level bureaucrats negotiate the contemporary Russian migration system. An original and important contribution to our understanding of informality, agency, and legal adaptation in non-western migration regimes."—Madeleine Reeves, Senior Lecturer in Social Anthropology, University of Manchester

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While migration has become an all-important topic of discussion around the globe, mainstream literature on migrants' legal adaptation and integration has focused on case studies of immigrant communities in Western-style democracies. We know relatively little about how migrants adapt to a new legal environment in the ever-growing hybrid political regimes that are neither clearly democratic nor conventionally authoritarian. This book takes up the case of Russia—an archetypal hybrid political regime and the third largest recipients of migrants worldwide—and investigates how Central Asian migrant workers produce new forms of informal governance and legal order. Migrants use the opportunities provided by a weak rule-of-law and a corrupt political system to navigate the repressive legal landscape and to negotiate—using informal channels—access to employment and other opportunities that are hard to obtain through the official legal framework of their host country. This lively ethnography presents new theoretical perspectives for studying immigrant legal incorporation in similar political contexts.

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Project/Consortium Members: EU Beneficiaries

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- University of Zurich (Switzerland)
- Riga Graduate School of Law (Latvia)
- University of Latvia (Latvia)
- Marmara University (Turkey)
- Charles University Prague (Czech Republic)

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