

The journal *Antinomies* celebrates its 25th anniversary!

The first issue was published in 2000 under the title *Research Yearbook, Institute of Philosophy and Law, Ural Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences* (hereafter referred to as *the Yearbook*). By that time, the publishing organization – the Institute of Philosophy and Law, Ural Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences (hereafter, referred to as *the Institute*) – had undergone a significant period of development since its establishment in 1988. By then, the Institute had established a stable organizational structure, and its research directions had been refined.

Within the Institute's structure, the departments of Philosophy and Law held predominant positions in accordance with their titles. The Department of Philosophy specialized in issues related to social and political philosophy, methodology of political science, theoretical sociology, and the history of political doctrines. The Department of Law focused primarily on questions of private law – particularly contractual regulation – along with issues related to legislative activity and state-building. Both departments shared a common thematic focus on the comprehensive study of federalism, the organization of state authority and local self-governance within a federal system, and the distribution of powers between the federal center and regions, as well as among different branches of government. Significant attention was given to electoral politics, concepts of electronic government, agenda-setting, and political technologies. The approaches developed found practical application in drafting normative legal acts at both federal and regional levels. Gradually, a scientific community emerged around the Institute – comprising researchers working across various regions of Russia and abroad – who addressed similar or related issues and represented reputable scientific and educational organizations.

By the late 1990s, it became evident that the Institute needed its own periodic scholarly publication to showcase original research results conducted by its staff as well as researchers from other organizations. At a meeting of the Institute's Academic Council in March 1999, a decision was made to establish such a journal. The first issue, covering 1999, was published in 2000. Since then, our journal has undergone two developmental stages.

During the first stage, from 2000 to 2012, the journal was published as a comprehensive annual volume, with one issue per year. In the second stage – beginning in 2013 and continuing to the present day – the publication frequency increased to four issues annually. Despite this change, the journal

maintained its core sections: *Philosophy*, *Political Science*, and *Law*. However, the quarterly publication schedule gradually became somewhat inconsistent with the journal's name of that time. This discrepancy was further exacerbated by the rapid development of both international and national search platforms that aggregate bibliographic and abstract databases of peer-reviewed scientific literature. To facilitate electronic identification, it became necessary to change the journal's title. Starting with the 2019 issue, the journal adopted its current name – *Antinomies*. This title alludes to Kantian “antinomies” as equally compelling yet unprovable arguments and theses concerning things-in-themselves that lie beyond human experience: whether the universe is finite or infinite in time and space; whether free will exists or if everything is determined by causal laws (determinism); whether all substances consist of simple atoms or if nothing in the world is simple or indivisible; and so forth.

There are also qualitative differences in the journal's development across the two aforementioned stages. Initially, the publication primarily featured articles by Institute staff and educators from the Ural region. The editorial board mainly comprised researchers from the Institute's divisions in Ekaterinburg, as well as its Perm and Udmurt branches. Over time, the journal began to publish an increasing number of articles by scholars from external academic and educational organizations across various Russian regions. As the Institute's international collaborations expanded, foreign researchers also contributed to its pages. The composition of the editorial board has also evolved: over the past decade, it has included approximately 30 members, among whom are nine international scholars and twelve from other regions. All members of the editorial board are most reputable professionals with a high level of citation impact.

The journal's regulations for peer review established strict requirements for evaluating submitted academic papers. It adopted an Open Access (Open Science) policy, with all activities – including author collaboration, peer review, editing, author revisions, publication, and ensuring access – reoriented toward principles of transparency and credibility. This shift helped eliminate certain barriers to the exchange of scholarly information. I believe that the journal's commitment to these principles strengthens core academic values such as integrity and fundamentality of research; it maintains scientific discourse, collaboration and knowledge exchange among scholarly communities worldwide. Within this framework, all issues of *Antinomies* are freely accessible on the *eLibrary.ru* and on the journal's official website, established in 2013. (For more information, please visit <https://yearbook.uran.ru/>). Additionally, papers published in the journal can be accessed through the *CyberLeninka* electronic library, which also operates within the Open Science paradigm.

Today, the journal performs as an international platform for debating the contradictions of societal development and the challenges facing modern society – issues that generate intense discussions within philosophy, political science, and law regarding potential solutions. According to the journal's core philosophy, the most urgent societal problems require in-depth analysis from multiple, often conflicting perspectives. The journal welcomes alternative

yet rigorously substantiated viewpoints on socio-political, legal, ethical, social, philosophical, and epistemological issues that transcend the current academic consensus. Preference is given to substantial, conceptually developed articles (40,000–70,000 characters) focused on innovation and the formulation of original approaches to research challenges at the intersection of philosophy, political science, and law.

Therefore, the journal advocates for an interdisciplinary approach that transcends narrow disciplinary boundaries. It publishes original scholarly articles, and all submissions undergo double-blind peer review. The journal encourages innovative approaches to both specialized and general issues in philosophy, law, and political science. Its primary focus areas include the history of philosophy, social and political philosophy, theory and methodology of politics, political institutions and processes, constitutional and municipal law, and civil law. Publications are aimed at scholars in the social sciences and humanities, as well as all interested in these fields. Articles are accepted in both Russian and English.

The editorial board of the journal continuously works to improve the quality of published materials, which is reflected in the gradual enhancement of its bibliometric indicators. By the end of 2025, *Antinomies* will be included in the databases of RINTS (the core collection), RSCI, ERIH PLUS, EBSCO, Ulrich's Periodicals Directory, the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), and International Impact Factor Services (IIFS). As of 2023, the journal holds the 781st position in the overall SCIENCE INDEX ranking, 11th in the field of *Philosophy*, 13th in *State and Law / Legal Sciences*, and 16th in *Politics / Political Sciences*.

Since 2011, the journal has been included in the List of peer-reviewed scientific publications in which the primary academic results of dissertations for the degrees of Candidate of Sciences and Doctor of Sciences must be published (VAK List). Currently, it is associated with the following scientific specialties and corresponding branches of science, which confer academic degrees (as of February 1, 2022): 5.7.1 Ontology and Theory of Cognition (Philosophical Sciences); 5.7.2 History of Philosophy (Philosophical Sciences); 5.7.7 Social and Political Philosophy (Philosophical Sciences); 5.5.1 History and Theory of Politics (Political Sciences); 5.5.2 Political Institutions, Processes, Technologies (Political Sciences). Since February 21, 2023: 5.1.1 Theoretical and Historical Legal Sciences (Legal Sciences); 5.1.2 Public Law (Legal Sciences).

In the 2020s, the *Antinomies* editorial team has been actively publishing thematic issues. In 2022, the journal released a special issue titled *Imagining Modernity: New Concepts in a Comparative Perspective* (For more information, please visit <https://yearbook.uran.ru/en/archive/175-issue/issue-2022-22-3>). In 2024, a thematic issue titled *Cancel Culture: Discursive Models, Mechanisms, and Practices* was published (To require more information, please visit <https://yearbook.uran.ru/en/archive/191-issue/issue-2024-24-3>). Looking ahead, in 2026, a thematic issue is planned under the title *Horizons of Post-Capitalism: From Utopias to Realities*, presenting diverse perspectives on the potential future of post-capitalist society. For 2027, a special issue is scheduled dedicated to contemporary challenges in logic – *Modern Logic and Law: Applications*

of Symbolic Logic to Jurisprudence, including Deontic Logics and Modeling Argumentation in Law and Morality.

The editorial board continues its efforts to include *Antinomies* in the largest, worldwide-used databases of peer-reviewed scientific literature such as *Web of Science* and *Scopus*. We are also working to ensure compliance with the rules and criteria for categorizing scientific journals within the upcoming *Unified State Register of Scientific Publications* (russ. Единый государственный перечень научных изданий, often referred to as ЕГПИИ). I am confident, the journal will earn a worthy place in this register.

Since the first issue was published, over 700 articles by approximately 300 authors from 85 Russian and international organizations have appeared in the journal. The current issue features a selection of the most notable works by scholars published over the years and translated into English intended for a broad global academic audience. These papers contribute to the theory and methodology of philosophy and social sciences (such as law, political science, etc.) offering original interpretations of core problematics of their field and articulating well-founded conceptual models within the realm of general social inquiry. The chosen texts definitely possess enduring relevance – they have transcended any social trends and demonstrated their scholarly value through sustained demand, including consistent citation across multiple works over the years.

I sincerely thank all members of the editorial board for their many years of dedicated service, and I am grateful to all reviewers for their invaluable assistance. Congratulations to the team of the Institute of Philosophy and Law, Ural Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, as well as to all authors whose articles have appeared in *Antinomies*, on the 25th anniversary of the journal's first publication! On behalf of the editorial board, I invite authors to continue fruitful collaboration.

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