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Lecture and Discussion

„Russia’s struggle for recognition and the dangers for international law and politics“

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International Law in Heidelberg, Germany

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Venue: CD-Building Room 714, close to Chifeng-Road 50, Tongji-University

Program

Language: English

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Maximilian Mayer
German Studies Center for Tongji University

14.00	Introduction Maximilian Mayer, German Studies Center for Tongji University
14.10	Lecture “Russia’s struggle for recognition and the dangers for international law and politics“ , Dr. Christian Marxen, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg
15.10	Comment , Dr. Guobin Zhang, Koguan Law School of Shanghai Jiaotong University
15.25	Discussion
16.00	End of event

About the lecture:

The lecture shall develop an understanding of the current crisis between Russia on the one hand, Ukraine and Western States on the other hand. It particularly asks for the impact that the crisis has on the current international legal and political system. The lecture will show that the recent conflict reveals a structural lack of recognition that States express towards international law; a lack of recognition that dates back way beyond the current crisis. Taking a series of prior violations of international law by Western States into account, it will be argued that we have to interpret the current crisis as part of a struggle for recognition in which Russia aims to oppose Western instrumental use of international law. Russia aims at regaining the political strength it has lost after the breakdown of the Soviet Union by demonstrating that it is powerful enough to get away with grave violations of international law. The lecture will provide some insight into the Russian strategy within this struggle for recognition as well as an overall assessment of the conflict.

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