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DECLARATION

I have known **Olga Papkova** since when, six years ago, she was admitted to the PhD program in “*Private Law, Roman Law and European Legal Culture*” at the University of Pavia (Italy), Faculty of Law.

The PhD program includes seminars in common to different *curricula* (civil law, labour law and industrial relations, intellectual property law and antitrust law), as well as seminars concerning each *curriculum*.


Olga Papkova followed the “*Civil law*” *curriculum*, writing – under the guidance of the PhD’s faculty board – a dissertation on the topic: “*The compensation for non-material damages in Italy and in the russian federation*”.

Her PhD dissertation, written in English, focused on a comparative study about statutory discipline and case law related to compensation for non-material damages in the two countries, highlighting the relevant similarities and differences.

Olga Papkova defended her dissertation before an external panel, which rendered a positive judgement.

I would remark Olga Papkova’s enthusiasm, her knowledge of several languages (Russian, English, Italian), as well as her commitment in pursuing her interdisciplinary activities.

Sincerely


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To whom it may concern

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Ass. Professor Olga A. Papkova in support of her application for admission to the position. I am Rector of the Leiden University and a professor of Private Law and have a good understanding of Ms Papkova's academic capabilities.

I have known Olga Papkova since 1995 when she was a PhD student at the Law Faculty of Moscow State University. Ms Papkova came to Leiden as part of a *Tempus* mobility research programme. Ms Papkova struck me as a motivated researcher who takes her academic responsibilities very seriously.

She impressed both myself and other colleagues at Leiden with her keen craving for knowledge and her academic diligence, which she demonstrated through her research. In 1997 Olga Papkova successfully defended her PhD thesis at Moscow State University, in 2017 she successfully defended her PhD thesis at Pavia University.

When she was Assistant Professor at the Law Faculty of Moscow State University she came to do further research at the Leiden Law School in 1998. Ms Papkova has an excellent ability for independent study and research, enabling her to grasp materials within a short period of time, and to put forward her own viewpoints after consulting and reading a substantial amount of literature written in English. She combined this knowledge with her own domestic research findings.

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Her efforts brought some significant rewards, including the publication of two monographs in Russia and a position of Associate Professor of Law at Moscow State University. At the moment she is a Visiting Professor in Italy, doing her interdisciplinary research.

As a person, she is intelligent and able to work under pressure. She is a hard working and a highly qualified teacher and scholar. I am confident that she has the abilities needed to succeed in her academic and professional career. Your favourable consideration of her application will be most appreciated. Should you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carel Stolker'.

Carel Stolker

Dean Leiden Law School
Leiden University



To the Fellowship Committee

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Dr. Olga A. Papkova in my capacity as Professor of East European Law at Leiden University Faculty of Law (on leave as Visiting Professor at the Center for EU-Russian Studies (CEURUS) and the Institute of Constitutional and International Law of University of Tartu Faculty of Law).

For several years in the 1990s — initially with funding from the European Commission (TEMPUS program) and, later, supplemented by resources from The Netherlands Foreign Ministry (MATRA program) — my predecessor in Leiden F.J.M. Feldbrugge and I facilitated scholarship programs in Leiden (and in Nijmegen and Leuven) for the ‘brightest and the best’ students and faculty from the CEE/CIS region. Dr. Papkova was one of those selected to participate in this mobility program.

The period of her *Tempus* study and research time in Leiden (1995), when Olga was a Russian PhD candidate, marked the beginning of our scholarly acquaintanceship; she returned to Leiden again in 1998 for a period of further research. This has afforded me a fine vantage point from which to assess Olga’s academic capabilities and interests and her relevant personal qualities.

She has been consistent in her desire to broaden her academic horizons — what I would, in other terms, characterize as her intense craving for knowledge — and has always taken her scholarly responsibilities very seriously. She has developed her research skills in an outstanding fashion: the way in which she is able to combine the findings of her domestic research with the thoughts and ideas which she distills from English-language (and now other foreign-language) literature is most impressive. Her English proficiency is, of course, critical in this regard and is at an extremely high level for a non-native speaker, something which is not that frequent for good scholars in Russia.

Dr. Papkova is deeply interested in European civil procedure and spends most of her spare time studying the specialized literature in this field. Her industry has led to an admirable level of academic output — two monographs in the Russian language (*Civil Procedure in the Member-States of the EU*, 2000 and *Judicial Discretion*, 2005) — and to a position as associate professor at the prestigious (as you undoubtedly are aware) Moscow State University Law Faculty. I am also extremely pleased and proud to note that she has published in English in a quarterly law journal (*Review of Central and East European Law*) of which I have been the General Editor for several years. I am looking forward to being able to publish more of Dr. Papkova’s work in our journal and, hopefully, also as a monograph in our series *Law in Eastern Europe* (both published by Royal Brill Publishers of The Netherlands.)

At present, she is a Visiting Professor in Italy. By 2018 Olga has done her second PhD degree. While this is another welcome step in her professional progress, it is typical of Olga that she is eager to continue this process of comparative research and to put more of the results of her work into writing. In particular, she is yearning to further investigate and evaluate the fields of European Law, The Method and History of Law, with interdisciplinary approach, with natural sciences and art puzzles.

I fully support her plans to continue turning her scholarly dreams into reality. Dr. Papkova is, in my experience, mature and dependable. She is a hard worker, and works well under pressure; as her academic record well reflects, she has become a highly qualified teacher and scholar. These are, to my mind, the qualities — combined with her creativity and intelligence — that will continue to be critical to her in achieving the further success in her profession which she has set for herself as her goal. I firmly believe that these qualities and achievements go into making her of world-wide renown, one of the criteria in your Call for Fellowships. The fact that she is an extremely able organizer and, also, that she has fine leadership skills and a keen spirit of teamwork, are key factors which will help to ensure that her continued research will be productive and also which should enable her to harmoniously interact with those around her.

I have no doubts that Olga will achieve further success in pursuing her dreams and look forward to keeping in contact with her.

It is, thus, that I offer myself as a referee to you and your committee for her application to continue her research and writing. I respectfully request that her application be looked upon favorably so that she may further broaden her understanding of the role and of the rule of law in foreign jurisdictions as well as in the Russian Federation: obviously, crucial issues in our time.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Yours faithfully,



Prof.dr. W.B. Simons

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Letter of recommendation for Olga A.Papkova

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am glad to recommend you Associate Professor Olga A. Papkova, the brilliant professional, intelligent and uncommon person, whom I have known for more than 20 years, since 1987, when she was my bachelor-level student. I am confident that she has the necessary academic, personal, and teaching ability qualifications to be an excellent teacher or professor in her field.

I am Michael K. Treushnikov, Senior Professor, Dr, Head of Civil Procedure Department, the Faculty of Law, Moscow State University, Honoured Scholar of the Russian Federation; member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation; member of the Council for Doctoral thesis of the Faculty. I have been working at the Faculty of Law of Moscow State University, Russia, since 1973; since 1988 I am the Professor of Moscow State University (Russia). I have been Olga Papkova's Professor, Supervisor, Chief and it gives me the opportunity to recommend her to you as a talented perspective teacher, researcher, because of her competence, deep knowledge and experience.

Olga Papkova has been my promising motivate student, assistant, sophisticated fellow of the Department of civil procedure, law faculty, Moscow State University. Talking about any of these periods I can unreservedly name Olga Papkova as a reliable, observant, vigorous person; mature, efficient scholar, academic, truly interested in scientific work. She is with Law Faculty since 1985. Since 2001 she is an Associate Professor of the Department of Civil Procedure.

When I was her Professor and Teacher she was one of my best students, always got high intelligence level, analytical ability and excellent marks. Olga Papkova showed superior academic skills through her attitude for learning, her participation, and her entrepreneurial spirit. I was sure that in a short time Olga Papkova would be a good specialist in our field, but I didn't think that thus much.

Her thesis under my supervision was excellent -- comprehensive, insightful, and well focused, detailing the history of ideas in the interrelationship between civil justice and judicial discretion, showing the significance of major streams of thought in civil procedure and the ways in which they have examined the paradigms of civil procedure and judicial discretion in civil procedure. A little bit later our joint work, already as colleagues, was successful and fruitful. Participation in conferences, teaching process, administrative activity, speeches on the meetings of the Department permit me to say that Ass. Professor Papkova is a great professional and brilliant researcher (who at the same time perfectly knows English), her academic achievements, her writings are deep and significant. I have never encountered any other scholar that has the interest and passion for research and teaching that Olga Papkova has.

I have read with deep appreciation her book, *Civil procedure in the Member States of the EU*, 2000. As a person who reviewed her another scientific writing (Title: *Court Discretion*, 2005), I can mark with great pleasure that among other scientific works this comparative research of the paradigm of court discretion is important, serious and considerable, it can help civil proceduralists skillfully use such intricate instrument as discretion. Must add, that scientific work gives the valuable information as for judges as for theorists of law. Judges can find in the

monograph answers on lots of questions which appear in time of consideration and settlement of a case, while lawyers – the base for further researches of the court discretion's paradigm. This scientific writing doesn't have any analogues in domestic civil procedure.

Her major accomplishments are:

-1990, defense of the master-level paper with distinction (Title: *Legal Profession in Civil Procedure*, under my promotion);

-1997, defense of PhD dissertation, *cum laude* (Title: *Judicial Discretion: Preliminary Inquiry*, under my supervision);

- *successful scientific activity*: two monographs; publications in scientific journals; participation in conferences; fruitful collaboration with other universities; administrative duties.

- *More than 13 years of fruitful teaching*: Lecture and seminars, bachelor-level, master-level students, supervision on undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate students, of MA theses (approx. 10-15 per academic year), coordination of courses, participation in discussions on the Department's conferences, *inter alia* on the Draft of the new Civil Procedure Code of RF, promotion of PhD students.

Olga A.Papkova is well prepared to teach in areas of Civil Procedural law of Russian Federation, Court Discretion, Arbitral Procedural Law of Russia, International Civil Procedure, European Civil Procedure, theory and history of civil procedure.

Personally, Olga A.Papkova is a very serious minded and diligent scholar. She has wide-ranging interests in history, philosophy, and literature as well as in civil procedure and judicial discretion. Her communicative abilities, tactful and honest behavior, leadership qualities, achievement of any goal give her the opportunity to work as in team as an individual researcher, both. Also an important point is that students are fond of her teaching style, her lectures always are interesting and full of listeners. As a teacher, she brings great depth to her discussions and is concerned with the individual development of each student. To support my recommendation I want to add that for many years our students select Ass.Professor Papkova as the best lecturer, who can make every routing material interesting and accessible.

Her range of personal acquaintance with major scholars in Russia as well as in Europe enhances the vitality of her teaching and builds connections for students and readers which are quite unique.

She is a person that fights for her dreams, never gives up, tries to go further than where she has to (here, I would say, "goes above and beyond"), has a great attitude for life and work, shares her passion with students and colleagues, and always tries to give her best.

In short, Olga A. Papkova is a very knowledgeable, thorough, and reliable scholar, teacher, and writer. I regret on her decision to leave the Department and to research abroad. We will miss her. Therefore, I recommend Ass.Professor Olga A. Papkova without reservation, and tell you honestly she will prove valuable to your programme.

If you need any additional details or information, feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Dr. M.K. Treushnikov

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