## **PHILOSOPHY**

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## Common law and ethnic law consciousness

The article considers the relevance of the research topic, a brief overview of the concepts of customary law in its legal, cultural and socio-anthropological aspects. Socio-philosophical approach allows us to investigate the customary law as a product of the functioning of the ethnic legal consciousness. The paper focuses on determining the nature of ethnic consciousness, its structure and relation to ethnic identity. It proposes the comparative analysis of ethnic consciousness and corporate consciousness that is recognized today is extremely relevant in the study of public consciousness. As research methods ethnic consciousness proposes the use of dialectical categories of money, special and general, that allows us to consider changes in the ethnic consciousness through the transformation of individual consciousness from different social or ethnic groups.

<u>Key words</u>: legal consciousness, customary law, ethnic law, self-conscience, legal pluralism, traditional culture.

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