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**Research Statement** *(please write a brief statement about the research you have carried out at The University of Edinburgh during your visit)*

My research concerned with issues of general jurisprudence, legal theory and legal philosophy. The particular problem I was examining during my visit was the question of autonomy of legal discourse and it's relations to the sphere of ethical and political argumentation. I. a. I was trying to find out how the demand of autonomy, which can be understood as an axiological one initially, evolve into quasi-ontological thesis about legal reality. Here I have paid the biggest attention for the special role of legal positivism in that process - with its moral, conceptual and functional arguments on law's autonomy.