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**Key words:** national security Strategy, «hard power», «soft power», military-power scenario.

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This article is dedicated to the review of the scientific-practical conference “Russia and NATO: what will prevail - dialogue or confrontation” held on October 30, 2019. The conference was organized by the Department of International and National Security of the Diplomatic Academy of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Experts of the Academy, MGIMO (University) MFA of Russia, diplomats and analysts from specialized ministries attended the discussion.

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**Key words:** NATO, Russia, Europe, security.

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**Key words:** state symbol, banner, coat of arms, heraldry, tricolor, St. Andrew's flag, St. George ribbon.

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**Key words:** The great October, Marxist-Leninist theory, bolsheviks, mensheviks, imperialism, social democracy, opportunism.

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**Key words:** French Colonial Policy, China, Vietnam, Napoleon III, E. Macron, Asia and the Pacific.

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**Key words:** Bulgaria, Quadruple Alliance, Russia, Serbia, the Ottoman Empire, World War I.

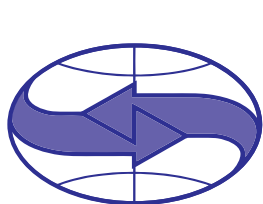
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**Key words:** state, law, normativism, legal norms, legal relations.



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**Key words:** European Union, Balkans, Greece.

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**Key words:** geopolitics, world transport system, transformation, modes of transport, traffic redistribution, multimodality, modernization of transport.

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**Key words:** Crimea, Russia, Ukraine, UN, the USA, Crimean Tatars.

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**Key words:** Foreign cultural migration, guest workers, ethnic enclaves, ethnic crime, interethnic conflicts.

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**Key words:** management of organizations, management structure, principles of designing organizational structures.

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**Key words:** human capital, MIC, USA, defense budget, research & development (R&D), unemployment.

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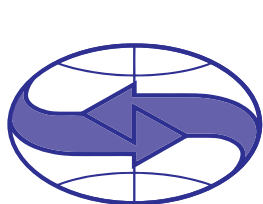
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and security, the most priority means of power influence is to undermine the institutions of national human capital development in the selected States.

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**Key words:** means and methods of power policy, state institutions, institutions of society, nation, security.

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**Key words:** Dawes Plan, Young Plan, Marshall Plan, Lend-Lease, economic aid.

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**Key words:** USSR, humanitarian policy, cultural diplomacy.

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**Key words:** Russia, USA, geopolitics, international security.

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**Key words:** Kyrgyzstan, Independence, economic and social transformation, the character of political power, Russian interests.

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**Key words:** social structure, post-Soviet Central Asia, clan organization, political process, socio-political stability, traditional institutions.

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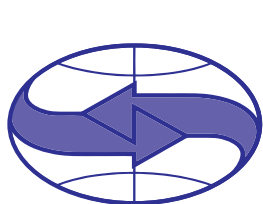
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Based on reliable sources and memories, the article examines the causes and most important events of the great Patriotic war, gives their assessment, summarizes the results of the war and formulates its lessons.

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**Key words:** Great Patriotic war, victory, German Nazism, Third Reich, allies, Crimea-45, UN.

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**Key words:** the Yalta conference, world order, geopolitical situation, the Second World War.

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**Key words:** Yalta-1945, UN, national security strategy of Russia, concept of Russian foreign policy.

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**Key words:** World War II, falsification of history, politics, security.



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**Key words:** USSR; anti-Hitler coalition; European Parliament; perversion of history; the Great Victory.

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**Key words:** 75th anniversary of Victory, Great Patriotic war, anti-Hitler coalition, Atlantic Charter, Yalta conference of 1945, lend-lease, World War II.

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The Yalta Conference of the “Big Three” determined the post-war system of international relations. Of essential importance was the decision on the Yugoslav question which formalized the Allies' common opinion on the right of all peoples to choose the form of government providing the restitution of sovereign rights and self-government. As the real force by the end of the war were guerilla troops under the leadership of the Communist Party of Yugoslavia and I. Tito, the po-

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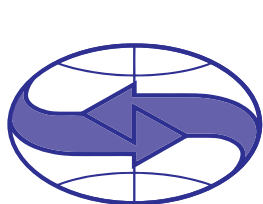
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The principle of unanimity of the permanent members of the Security Council (veto right), as one of the cornerstones of the entire UN structure, is the fundamental basis for ensuring a balance of interests between the leading states that bear the primary responsibility for maintaining international peace and security. In modern conditions, the principle of unanimity has not lost its eternal significance.

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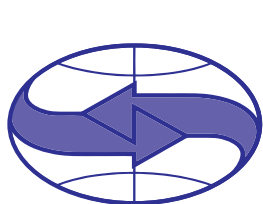
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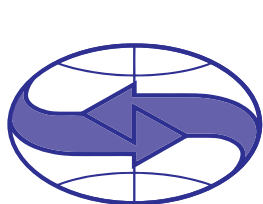
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**Key words:** terrorism, migration, recruitment, extremism, Russia, Tajikistan, poverty.

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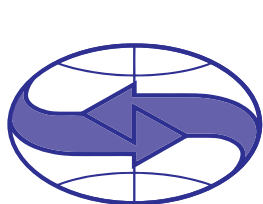
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