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**Key words:** Montenegro, opposition, Djukanovic’s regime, parliamentary elections, transit of power, Russia, NATO, EU.

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**Key words:** China, Russia, ASEAN, «One belt, one road», RCEP, South China Sea.

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**Key words:** consumer cooperation, social and solidary economy.

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**Key words:** shadow economy, ethnic entrepreneurship, criminality, shadow business, ethnic crime, ethnic business, terrorism.

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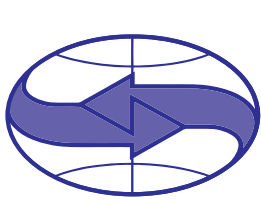
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**Key words:** Belarus, political crisis, destruction technologies, Telegram channels, iconic protest systems.

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**Key words:** Trump, Trumpism, the United States of America, Germany, Merkel, foreign policy.

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**Key words:** Iran, India, “Silk road”, US.

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es parties of network control and parties of network coordination. In the digital reality, parties must make the transition from electronic reception rooms to multifunctional media platforms, as well as abandon the policy of informing in favour of the policy of citizens involvement.

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**Key words:** political parties, digital communications, e-democracy, deliberative democracy, media-platforms.

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**Key words:** USSR, World War II, The Great Patriotic War, USA, hybrid wars.

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**Key words:** Brazil, the Guiana region, BRICS, international organizations of Latin America.

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**Key words:** post-Soviet space, transit of democracy, "color revolutions".

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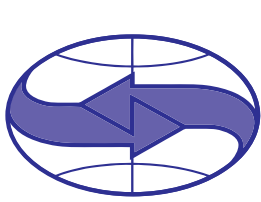
The article is devoted to the current issue of the use of «soft power» in the foreign policy of the Russian state. In particular, a separate aspect of this issue is analyzed – the system of higher education for foreigners. The history of teaching foreign students in the universities of the USSR and Russia is considered. The reasons for the lag of modern Russian higher education from leading foreign universities are analyzed.

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**Key words:** Poland, World War II, Russia, Third Reich, Yalta-45.

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**Key words:** application of the armed forces, war powers law, conflicts, USA, international law, geopolitics, Russia, China.

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**Key words:** conversion, defense industry, military-industrial complex, armament, armed forces, USA.

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**Key words:** global dominance, space, lunar program, missile defense.

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**Key words:** Spain, Catalonia. pandemic, PSOE, “Unidas-Podemos”, People’s Party, nationalism, separatism.

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**Key words:** military-strategic planning of Germany, «multi-variant» planning, choice of the directions of the main strikes, the reasons for the collapse of the « blitzkrieg».

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**Key words:** business, Christianity, mentality, wealth, charity, social service, spirituality.

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Mongolia has the status of an observer of the SCO. The main locomotive of the SCO is the CPR and the Russian Federation, which have disagreements in the future of this organization. With both of the States, Mongolia has an integrated strategic partnership relationship. The initiative of the People's Republic of China "One Belt One Road" is fully supported by Mongolia, which offered its «Steppe Way» project as part of the "New Silk Road" project. If this initiative does not find broad international support, then Mongolia will face the question of the SCO or the Silk Road.

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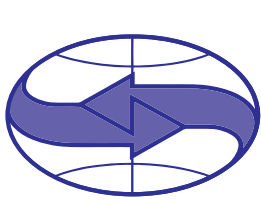
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On February 19th, 2021 the International Theoretical and Practical online-Conference «Russian-Mongolian relations: from the origins to the modern days», dedicated to 100th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between Russian and Mongolia took place. The conference was organized by the Institute of Management and Regional Development (IURR) at RANEPa together with the Institute of Asian and African Countries (ISAA) at Lomonosov MSU. Over 200 scientists participated in the conference from 15 countries, reaffirming the great interest of the scientific and expert community in the problems of bilateral Russian-Mongolian relations.

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The article deals with the current migration agenda in Germany. German approaches to the regulation of external migration, including the international cooperation, are studied. Special attention is paid to the internal political processes that continue to confront the complex impact of migration. The main mechanisms aimed at correcting the integration system, developing a new social model with equal opportunities and reducing the conflict potential are identified.

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**Key words:** migration background, quota system, society of equal opportunities, integration potential, Federal Republic of Germany.

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The paper investigates long-term and temporary labor migration flows to Russia from the CIS countries, as well as the Baltic States, Georgia and unrecognized republics for the period from 2016 to 2020 in the context of negative demographic trends. The main migration trends are outlined, forecasts are given up to 2025 regarding international migration flows to Russia. The conclusion is made about the need to form a consistent and effective migration policy

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**Key words:** immigration, integration, international migration, compatriots, demography, inclusion, Russia.

## **Ethnicity in the structure of factors of socio-economic development of a Region**

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The authors of the article, based on statistics and sociological research, conclude that the persistent and reproducing imbalances in the socio-economic development of the regions are fairly stable and represent a certain self-repli-



cating system. The analysis of the situation in the Volga federal district allowed the authors to substantiate the conclusion that the ethnic structure of the regions, which are in a state of «interference» with differences in basic socio-economic characteristics, influence the persistence and, in some cases, the deepening of differences in their living conditions.

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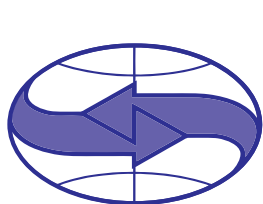
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