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**Key words:** USA, Iran, nuclear program, Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, “multocracy”, theocratic regime.

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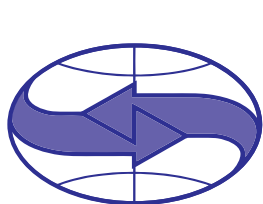
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**Key words:** Belarus, political crisis, destruction technologies, Telegram channels, iconic protest systems.

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presents some hypotheses concerning the future of relations between the US and the EU.

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

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**Key words:** France, Europe, geopolitics, Russia, Covid-19.

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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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**Key words:** "soft power", foreign policy, foreign students, higher education.





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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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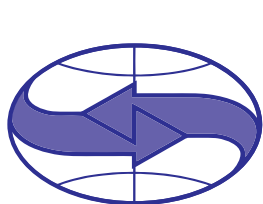
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On February 19th, 2021 the International Theoretical and Practical online-Conference «Russian-Mongolian relations: from the origins to the modern days», dedicated to 100th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between Russian and Mongolia 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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**Key words:** Russia, Mongolia, globalization, geopolitics, «soft power», «Great game», nomadic culture, «the third neighbour».

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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.

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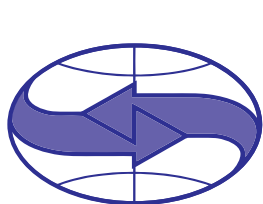
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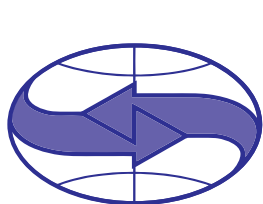
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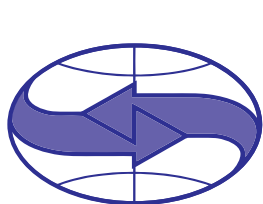
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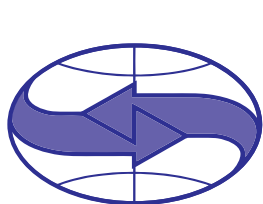
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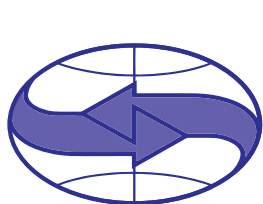
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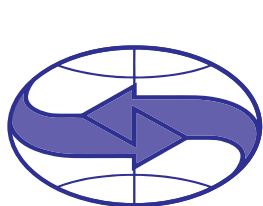
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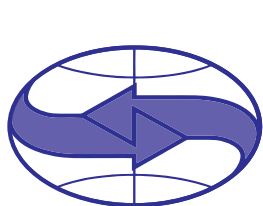
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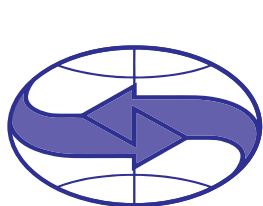
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