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On January 10, 12, 13, 2022, in Geneva – Brussels – Vienna on the unprecedentedly persistent initiative of Russia were held bilateral Russian-American, and then multi-lateral – with NATO and the OSCE – negotiations on strategic stability, the totality of which focused on the red lines of national security of Russia. The very fact that these negotiations were being held at the insistence of Russia, to which the United States and its allies reacted so quickly, and by diplomatic standards, instantly, clearly indicates the increased geopolitical status of Russia. Russia now participates not only in the implementation of the international agenda, but also in its active formation.

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Key words: geopolitics, strategic security, Russia's national interests, USA, NATO, integrated Europe.

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The paper analyzes the military-political practice and state policy in Russia's relations with Western countries, the use of means of countering the subjects of power policy engaged in activities that pose a threat to national security.

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Key words: strategy, subjects of higher education, national security, ideology, NGOs, mass media.

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Using the example of Laos and Nepal, the article analyzes Beijing's policy in the Asia-Pacific region. The choice of incidents is determined by the level of economic development of the countries and the factor of geographic proximity. Laos and Nepal are some of the poorest countries in the region, but with a different resource base and development dynamics, which makes certain adjustments to Beijing's plans. The analysis made it possible to identify the dialectics of Chinese influence technologies – the skillful use of economic methods to consolidate their presence in the countries of the world.

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Key words: China, Laos, Nepal, «One Belt – One Road», capitalism, territorialism, investment policy.

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The article presents the author's vision of the evolution of British foreign policy towards the Russian Federation. It draws attention to how during the Conservative governments in power (in the second decade of the 21st century) there was a change in the country's foreign policy course, the concept of «Global Britain» appeared, within which the vector of today's British-Russian relations was defined.

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Key words: Great Britain, Global Britain, Russia, British-Russian relations.

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Key words: categorization of the population, US Muslim community, Islam in America.

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The article highlights some aspects of the adoption of means and measures aimed at ensuring legality in the sphere of land turnover, as well as the conceptual apparatus used.

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Key words: National security strategy, Constitution of the Russian Federation, Court, land resources, prosecutor's office.

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The author considers peculiarities of political and socio-economic processes at the final stage of the Soviet Union when the presidential system was introduced in the USSR, the opposition of union and Russian leaders about the ways of transition to

market economy («Ryzhkov – Abalkin program» and «500 days program») and the future socio-political structure of the country was increasing, the separatism in the union republics was strengthening

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Key words: introduction of the presidential system, market economy, («Ryzhkov – Abalkin program» and «500 days program»), separatism, GKChP.

Disintegration of the USSR: the Problem of Legitimacy

30 years since the collapse of the Soviet Union

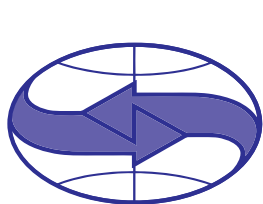
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N. Laktionova

The liquidation of the Soviet Union at all stages was a deliberate and anti-constitutional act. The denunciation of the Belovezh Agreements by the Russian State Duma of the second convocation was absolutely lawful from the legislative point of view – the parliamentary assessment of the man-made global catastrophe of the 20th century was given.

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Key words: Union referendum, USSR, Russia, denunciation of the Belovezhskaya Agreements.



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After withdrawal from Afghanistan, the United States is shifting its military activity to the European direction, in the center of which are Russian-Ukrainian contradictions. In response, Russia for the first time in history put forward a number of stringent demands regarding the non-expansion of NATO to the East. In implementing its anti-Russian policy, the United States runs the risk of underestimating a number of other important international problems, including those in the Middle East, as well as overestimating its own strength. For Russia, a favorable way out of a crisis situation lies not only in the art of diplomacy, but also in the right choice of tools for its policy.

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Key words: USA, Russia, Middle East, Ukraine, red lines, national interests, power vacuum.

«Energy transition» in the modern international agenda

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The article reveals the relevance of the category «energy transition» for the modern international agenda in connection with the processes of climate change and related complex of other world problems. Particular attention is paid to the economic and political balance of interests during the «energy transition», the positivity and new opportunities of the «climate» channel of dialogue with Russia, the United States and other key countries in a difficult period of aggravation of international relations are argued.

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Key words: global warming, energy transition, climate, ecology, energy emissions, USA, Russia.

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The article examines the provision of Russian military assistance to the Syrian Arab Republic, identifying the main directions and characteristics of activities in the framework of military assistance and Russian Middle East policy.

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Key words: MSF, intra-Syrian conflict, terrorists, rebels, Islamic extremists.

A look at the dynamics of political order in Afghanistan

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Abstract. In contrast to common geopolitical and historical interpretations of political events in Afghanistan the authors analyze connection between the change in political order and the peculiarities of Afghan society. The conclusion is made about the existence of a special type of social contracting («the Afghan model of society of decentralized network structures»), «the Afghan network phenomenon» which have been reproduced and influence the stability of political orders since the middle of the twentieth century.

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Key words: Afghanistan, political networks, civil networks, social networks, Pashtuns, Taliban.

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Mass protests in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, which began in the summer of 2019, became a serious test for the domestic and foreign policy of the Chinese leaders. These events are enrooted in the history and peculiarities of this former British colony status, the conflict between the liberal democracy ideals and the specific policy of the central government of China, as well as in the threat of Hong Kong's dissolution in the whole of the PRC 's economic space.

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Key words: Hong Kong, Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Great Bay Development Plan, US, China.

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A. Velikaya, S. Semedov

With the increasing attention paid by the international community to the unifying possibilities of sport, its depoliticization cannot be achieved, sport becomes a hostage of foreign policy rivalry. The article considers sports diplomacy as a foreign policy tool to create an attractive image of the country in the international arena by holding and participating in international sporting events, sending representatives to international sports federations and specialized agencies.

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Key words: sports diplomacy, diplomacy, Olympic games, IOC.

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The course to build an information society contains certain challenges for the system of public administration, puts before the law enforcement agencies the task of ensuring openness and effective interaction with the external environment. The article examines the current state and problematic issues of digitalization of law enforcement. The conclusion about the possible change of its content in the digital era in the direction of the actualization of the preventive component is substantiated.

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Key words: public administration, information and communication technologies, law enforcement agencies, digitalization.

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The confrontation between the Duma and the Russian Foreign Ministry on the Yugoslav issue (1994)

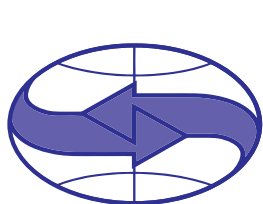
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E. Guskova

The article analyzes the confrontation between the State Duma and the Russian Foreign Ministry in 1994 after the election of the new parliament. The State Duma of the first convocation took control of the Balkan problem and reacted to every aggravation of the situation in the former Yugoslavia. The Russian parliament did not treat this topic formally, tried to exert at least moral pressure on the Foreign Ministry, kept the problem under constant control.

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Key words: Yugoslavia, crisis, disintegration of the federation, First State Duma, NATO, UN.



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The modern confrontation of states in the world is rapidly acquiring the features of a civilization struggle, behind the facade of which military-political coalitions of very different configurations are being formed. Russia's special operation in Ukraine can be understood only in the context of Russia's broader confrontation with the aggression of the Western coalition, which has covered almost all areas - from culture and sports to military-technical struggle.

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Key words: special operation in Ukraine, collective West, Russia, USA, civilizational struggle.

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Article examines the main trends of Moldova's foreign policy after the pro-European political forces came to power, focuses on the intensification of Moldova's defense relations not only with NATO, but also with the EU, examines Moldova's position in connection with the special military operation in Ukraine

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Key words: “Associated Trio”, RM-NATO Individual Partnership Action Plan, Russia’s special military operation in Ukraine.

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On December 17th, 2021, in Moscow there was held the International Scientific and Practical Conference “Information Technologies and their impact on the internal policy of the state and international relations”. The conference was organized by the Institute of Management and Regional Development (IURD) of the RANEPa in cooperation with the Institute of Asian and African Countries (ISAA) of Moscow Lomonosov State University and the “Center for International Information Security and Scientific and Technological Policy” MGIMO (U), the company “Polymatika”. The information support was provided by the scientific and analytical journal “Observer”. The conference was attended by representatives of federal government organizations (the Ministry of Economic Development, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Education and Science), the leading experts in the field of information technology, media experts, historians, political scientists, economists, philosophers, diplomats, specialists in new technologies, teachers, graduate students and students of RANEPa, MGIMO(U), ISAA MSU, RSUH, MGLU, RSPU.

Key words: information technology, information security, social networks, extremism.

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The long-term trends of changes in consumption processes are determined by the variability of consumer attitudes, largely determined by the nature of the perception of social reality by different groups of the population. Based on statistical data and the results of sociological research, the authors conclude that the regional specifics of social support for low-income groups of the population, designed to equalize their final consumption opportunities, often increase the differentiating influence on the regional specificity of this process.

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Key words: region, final consumption, consumer sentiment, social support, subsidies.

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The article highlights the political, legal and organizational aspects of business support and the activities of the Prosecutor's office to protect the rights of business entities.

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Key words: Constitution of Russia, Constitutional Court, sanctions, prosecutor, entrepreneurial activity, Chamber of Commerce.

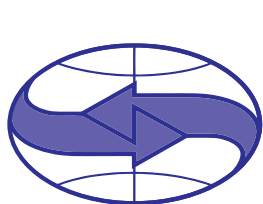
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The paper provides an analysis of the current national security strategy Russia and the likely adjustments in the connections with changes in the military-political situation in the world after February 2022 and the transformation of NATO into a broader military-political coalition.

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Key words: national security strategy, military-political coalition, international situation, use of military force.

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D. Danilov

The article is devoted to one of the most acute issues of modern European politics – the process of Finland and Sweden joining NATO. The author examines their membership application in the context of forging partnerships between these non-aligned states both with NATO and within the framework of the Northern Defense Cooperation (NORDEFCO). Various security dilemmas induced by the two countries' non-bloc status turnaround are analyzed.

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Key words: Finland, Sweden, non-alignment, NATO, NORDEFCO, security guarantees, Russia, special operation.

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The negative dynamics of crisis relations between the US and the collective West and Russia are now inertially reproducing the preconditions for the erosion of optimistic prospects for the formation of a new world order on mutually acceptable bases of constructive strategic interaction. The growing uncertainty of these prospects is becoming a long-term factor in world politics and international relations. This is the situation in which the European Union has found itself by approving the first defence and security summit document, the Strategic Compass for Europe, at the summit in March 2022.

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Key words: European Union, geopolitics, USA, NATO, Russia.

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The authors consider the challenges and threats to Russia’s national security associated with the exponential development of information and communication technologies; evaluate the activities of the UN in this area, which should serve the entire world community by suppressing attempts by the collective West, especially the United States, to use modern high technologies to strengthen Pax Americana, countering their use for terrorist purposes.

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Key words: USA, Iran, nuclear program, The Joint comprehensive action plan, neo-conservators, unilateralism, theocratic regime, regime change.

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Key words: information and communication technologies, national security, terrorism, Russia, USA.

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A. Orlov

For several decades after the Second World War, a bipolar model existed in the leading countries of Western Europe with the dominance of two system-forming parties representing the “right-left” political center. Alternative parties were excluded from the active political process. In recent years, there has been a more pronounced political polarization. The formation of a Government requires the creation of broad coalitions of competing political forces. The formation of a multicomponent party power structure is an objective process.

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Key words: multiparty system, bipolar model, left-right center, Germany, Spain, Italy, France, Great Britain, Social Democrats, Christian Democrats, populists, Labor, conservatives.

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Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, there has been an increasing number of attacks on the results of World War II, as well as public justification of Nazi criminals in order to rehabilitate the ideologies of Fascism and Nazism. To address the gaps associated with the lack of legally enshrined definitions of the concepts of “fascism” and “Nazism”, the article examines the interpretation, legal enshrining and legislative distinction of these concepts.

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Key words: fascism, Nazism, national socialism, World War II, Great Patriotic War, rehabilitation of Nazism.

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The article is dedicated to the 18th Western Slavonian Corps of the Serbian Army Krajina. It analyses the events in Western Slavonia before the creation of the corps and the preceding military organisation of Serbs in Krajina. The

organizational and staff structure of the corps, the changes in the number of its personnel and the number of weapons available in it are examined. For the first time in Russian historiography the command structure of the corps' units and formations is presented.

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Key words: Serbian Krajina, Army of Serbian Krajina, War in Croatia.

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The geographical and cultural-historical transitory position of the Balkans has determined the ongoing struggle of the leading players in world politics for influence over the countries of the region. One of the points of the Atlanticist agenda for Balkan politicians is the Albanian factor. The West's support for the Albanian community as the initiator of the 2001 armed conflict in Macedonia has determined the reformatting of the country's political space. In the monograph of M. Tretyakova "Macedonia 2001. A new round of crisis" the historical preconditions and political consequences of the pivotal year in the Balkan region are explored.

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Key words: North Macedonia, Great Albania, socialist Yugoslavia, military-political crisis of 2001.

Has Russia learned lessons of History?

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The review reveals the enormous work carried out by the author on the scientific and political analysis of the Yugoslav crisis and the role of Russia in its settlement after the collapse of the USSR.

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Key words: the Yugoslav crisis, USSR, Russia, SFRY, RSK, ethnic conflicts.

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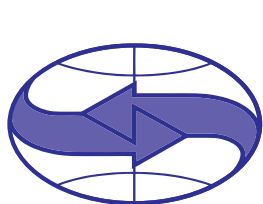
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The fragmentation of media space makes it increasingly difficult for the state to pursue an effective information policy. Despite the objective factors limiting the influence of state television, it continues to be an important communication resource. The historical, cultural, ideological and political commonality of the peoples of Russia and Belarus, as well as common challenges determine the similarity of the vectors of development of the countries' information policy and the importance of state television

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The article deals with the Taiwan issue, which has existed for almost 70 years and boils down to the statement «Taiwan is an integral part of the PRC». But in today's geopolitical environment, given PRC's economic, political and military growth, the Taiwan issue, which is one of the most important aspects of national security for China, is complemented by the escalating confrontation between the PRC and the US.

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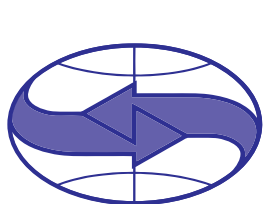
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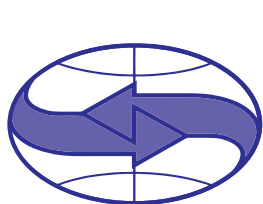
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Key words: ethnic entrepreneurship, migrant, social outcast, ethnic identity, ethnic ghettos.

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