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Key words: world order transformation, Ukraine and Middle East crises, USA, Russia, China, European Union.

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Key words: hyperrealistic distortions, civilization, distorted civilization, Christianity, simulacra, dogmas, myths, manipulations, post-truth.

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Key words: «black-green» coalition, ÖVP, SPÖ, FPÖ, neutrality, Austria, Russiac.

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Key words: Cognitive Warfare, manipulation of consciousness, «soft power», demonization of the Serbs, Balkan crisis.

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Key words: energy policy, sanctions regime, energy security, petrochemical industry, import substitution, Russia, Iran.

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Key words: Euroscepticism, Estonia, European Union, marginalization.

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world leadership. With the end of the Cold War, the perception of freedom of speech changed, on the one hand enhancing the freedom of movement of students, but on the other hand limiting it to a utilitarian approach to learning.

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Key words: academic freedom, higher education, utilitarianism in education, freedom of speech, tolerance, geopolitics of universities.

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Key words: solidarity economy, cooperation, inequality, environmental sustainability, «green» transition.

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nates, have no data on permanent human habitation and economic activity. The International Tribunal in The Hague (2016) issued a verdict that China's claims to "historical rights" over the maritime areas of the South China Sea contradict the 1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea and are null and void.

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Key words: Vietnam, China, the territorial dispute in the South China Sea, the Paracel Islands, the Spratly Archipelago, the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea.

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Key words: The Global Compact for Migration, The Marrakesh Compact for Migration, legal migration, illegal migration.

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Key words: genocide, falsification of history, sovereignty, statehood.

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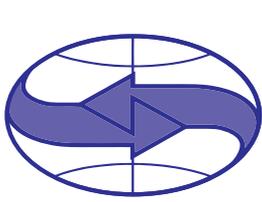
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Key words: identity, Eurasianism, North-Eastern Russia, between West and East, Mongol-Tatar yoke.

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Key words: strategic rivalry, USA, Russia, China, American military pow.

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Key words: Africa, the African Union, China, the China – Africa Cooperation Forum, the Belt and Road Initiative, the Angolan model.

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Key words: illegal migration, the European Union, Switzerland, national security, the Ukrainian crisis, refugees.

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Key words: fuel and energy complex, energy projects, mutual investments, Russia, India.

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Russia is increasingly finding itself in the grip of international drug mafia, and illegal supplies of drugs from Afghanistan and China play a significant role in this process. The paper studies combination of drivers of the rising drug threat, which is inherent in two states in some extent.

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Key words: drug market, Afghanistan, China, Russia, drugization of society, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

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man, the features of professional and non-professional socio-political discourse, investigates the problems and trends in professional socio-political discourse, and defined the necessary conditions for the development of contemporary political science.

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Key words: political science, professionalism, post-truth.

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The Maltese project of Paul I is one of the least studied issues in the history of Russian foreign policy. The article attempts to consider this project in the context of the development of the foreign policy of the Russian Empire in the 18th century.

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Key words: Maltese project, Emperor Paul I, the Order of Malta.

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Key words: genocide, court, Nuremberg tribunal, international law, fascism, Great Patriotic War.

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Key words: political economy, socialism, communism, capitalism, imperialism, democracy, bourgeoisie, liberalism, utopian socialism.

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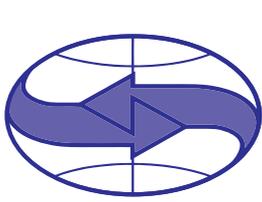
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Under the conditions of crisis geopolitics, the logic of asymmetric, multidirectional actions and counteractions is rapidly gaining momentum, exacerbating the demarcation acuteness of conceptual and political tasks and evaluative positions of Western-centric analytics, focusing, through the prism of the Ukrainian crisis, on the axial lines of rivalry/confrontation between the United States – Russia, the United States – China, Europe – Russia, on the acute conflict divisions in the Middle East.

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Key words: Russia, USA, China, EU, Russophobia, new world order.

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The article analyzes how NATO pursues its line of deterrence and defense against Russia and how the implementation of NATO's new Strategic Concept (2022) affects European and Russian security.

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Key words: NATO strategic concept, European security, Russia, Afghanistan, USA, sanctions, nuclear weapon.

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Abstract: The inability to fit the current conflict in Ukraine into the paradigm of war and peace familiar to European and Russian history is explained not only by the erosion of semantic boundaries between these two states, but also by the increasing blurriness of the familiar contours of the war itself. All aspects of military planning and the fighting itself were subordinated to the goal of defeating the enemy's army in such a battle. Today everything goes in a different way.

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Key words: military strategy, military confrontation, Russia, USA, NATO, Ukraine.

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The article shows the evolution of approaches to expanding the zones of American influence and the practice of applying models to create regimes loyal to Washington. The doctrine of “State Building 1.0” was focused on the strict subordination of Caribbean polities, “State Building 2.0” camouflages the previous goals of domination by the concepts of liberalism and democracy. Building a vassal state in Ukraine is a special operation that the US is unlikely to abandon.

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Key words: the Ukrainian crisis, the United States, loyalist regimes, the American strategy of state building, legitimacy, soft power.

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The United States is to some extent restructuring its Middle East policy, in which the hydrocarbon component is becoming a shadow of the military-

political one. Recognizing the importance of the region, Washington sees the main task in preventing the predominant influence of China there, while countering Russia and Iran also remain on the agenda, but the attitude towards the problem of the Arab-Israeli settlement and the fight against extremists is becoming reflexive.

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Key words: USA, Middle East, China, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Palestine, Israel, Hamas.

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The article reveals the current trends in the evolution of the foreign policy strategies of the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States, the dynamics of which are determined by both subjective and objective factors, and determines their place in the emerging new world order.

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Key words: CIS countries, foreign policy, new world order, Russia’s role in the CIS.

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Based on the results of sociological research and statistical data on Russian regions, the authors consider it necessary to clarify the approaches to the problem of structural violence in the changing social space and substantiate the relevance of the study of regional spatial development in connection with the scale of structural violence.

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Key words: region, imbalances, inequalities, spatial development, structural violence.

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The revolution in Portugal (1974) became a bright event in the European history of the second half of the twentieth century. The profascist regime on the continent, which had existed for almost half a century, was overthrown. The article analyzes the causes and consequences of the revolution, examines the factors that caused the collapse of the Armed forces Movement, which became the driving force of the uprising.

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Key words: Portugal, carnation revolution, Armed Forces movement, profascist regime, uprising.

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The genocide of the multinational Soviet people during the Great Patriotic War should not be forgotten, since forgetting the events of the Second World War leads to a distortion of the historical truth about the role of the USSR in the victory over fascism. Modern trials on newly discovered facts and events in Donbas confirm the timeliness of the “No Statute of Limitations” project.

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Key words: genocide, victims of Nazism, the Great Patriotic War, the project “Without limitation”.

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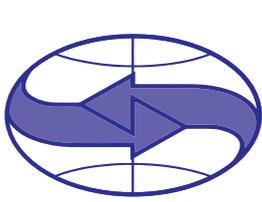
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ism and strengthening interregional ties have been identified as the main priorities of economic cooperation.

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Key words: Kyrgyzstan, Russia, economic cooperation, trade, investment, energy, infrastructure, migration, tourism, the EAEU.

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After the Second World War, the nature of interstate confrontation has changed: the basis was not military means, but information and psychological operations. This is the so-called hybrid war, which does not require a declaration, but it can turn prosperous states into the arena of armed struggle, bringing them to the brink of humanitarian disaster or civil war.

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Key words: hybrid warfare, psychological warfare, information warfare.

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Key words: Germany, labor migration, “soft power”, international security, terrorism, migration, investment.

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Military power projection is a powerful component of the PRC's comprehensive strategy to assert national sovereignty in the South China Sea. Dredging and equipping reefs with dual-use infrastructure allows China to significantly expand its monitoring, reconnaissance and response capabilities to potential threats in the South China Sea.

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Key words: territorial disputes in the South China Sea, Paracel Islands, Spratly Islands.

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The article analyzes the features of the peace treaty that affect the formation of a common identity. The peace treaty has a limited impact on post-conflict settlement and requires taking into account the interests of all warring parties. External influence plays a destructive role in the search for compromises.

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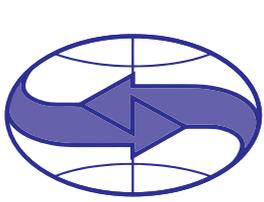
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The article analyzes the political and legal aspects of the legitimacy of V.A. Zelensky as President of Ukraine after May 20, 2024, i.e. after the expiration of a 5-year term of office. The authors conclude that the legitimacy of V.A. Zelensky after the expiration of his term of office does not currently have a legal basis and all his further actions, including the publication, approval or signing of regulatory legal acts, may be questioned.

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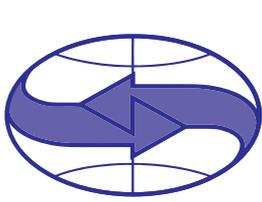
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