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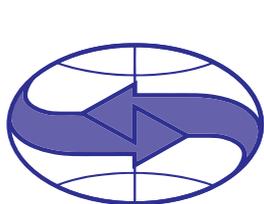
**Key words:** Western Balkans, Russia, international relations, external influence, geopolitical interests.

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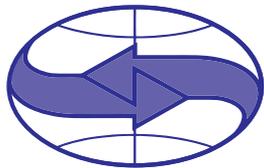
**Key words:** elite formation, personnel policy, competences, leadership.

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**Key words:** falsification of history, joint history of the peoples of the USSR, ideological rift, post-Soviet space.

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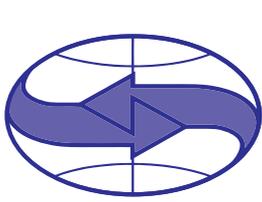
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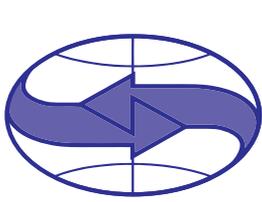
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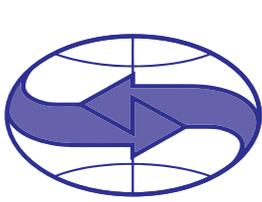
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