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The article considers the changes in the U.S. strategy shaped by its pivot to Asia-Pacific and their impact on the Alliance policies. The U.S. views on power projection and their implications for NATO's geopolitical outreach are scrutinized. The author has come to conclusion that the essence of controversy between "globalists" and "traditionalists" is rooted in their different perceptions of what the collective defense (art. 5) commitments mean in today's world. Resources for further NATO enlargement in Europe as well as the Alliance security partnership extension beyond European boundaries are thoroughly analyzed. Special attention is paid to the implications of the 'Arab awakening' in the Middle East for the U.S. and the Alliance policies in the region.

Key words: the United States, strategy, NATO, partners, Asia-Pacific region, the Middle East.

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The article is devoted to a comparison of three approaches to Russian-Chinese relations. The first approach is official, in general optimistic, the second – expert one, where the emphasis is made on the threats towards Russia from China; the third approach is linked with the assessments of residents of the Far East region of Russia, who are generally favourable towards China. The article identifies the most

important milestones of the visit of the President of China in Moscow in March 2013.

Key words: China, Russia, the Chinese threat, the Confucius Institute.

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In the article considers the problems of the formation the system of relations between Russia and Belarus in the context of concept integration development of the former Soviet Union.

The author believes that integration policy at the present time moves in the category of strategic foreign policy objectives on the post-soviet area and should be considered as an indicator of development and growth of political, economic and social national structures, including the Union of Russia and Belarus.

Key words: integration, post-soviet area, the CIS, the Union State, the Russian Federation, Belarus, Kazakhstan, the Customs Union, EurAsEC.

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The authors analyze the modern technologies of the Russian political party formation. Political technologies are considered on the basis of representation of political management as a set of non-violent methods of control. A new classification of political parties is suggested. Methodologically article takes into account the political and Comparative Approach.

Key words: political management, party-building, political technologies, political marketing, parties.

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Key words: special conditions, special conditions typology, classification of emergencies, the state of emergency, the forces of national security.

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Key words: Turkey, Justice and Development Party, USA, European integration, Greater Middle East, regional powers.

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The article analyzes results of the UN World Summits “Planet Earth” in 1992 and “RIO +20” in 2012 in the framework of international energy partnerships. Since 1990-s the world energy resources market has highly volatiled leading to the development of alternative energy sources/green power as a top priority. Facing new challenges and threats as energy shortage the world community works out new mechanisms and international approaches towards this problem. One of these mechanisms is Global Sustainable Electricity Partnership (GSEP), UN-run energy partnership platform since 1992 UN “Planet Earth Summit”. Article analyses results of Russian participation in this organization and provides overview for future collaboration together with top leading world companies.

Key words: energy cooperation, UN Earth Summit, Global Sustainable Electricity Partnership, sustainable development.

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Key words: banking sector, banking services, financial sector, Sweden.

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Key words: post-industrial society, the information society, the space age, space exploration.

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On the basis of documentary material and personal observations of the author discloses preparation, course and outcome of the Battle of Kursk – the greatest battle of the World War II, outlines findings and lessons generated by this historic event.

Key words: the Battle of Kursk, battle of Prokhorovka, operation “Citadel”, operation “Kutuzov”, operation “General Rumyantsev”.

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Key words: Irredentism, Pax Christiana, Pax Rossica, Ecumenical Christian powers, authorities Symphony, Moscow – the Third Rome.

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Key words: revolution, army, guerrilla, socialism, people, Venezuela.

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Key words: Iraq, Russia, oil, oil companies, investment.

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Key words: international cooperation, energy diplomacy, energy security, energy resources, geopolitical interests.

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Key words: convergence, integralism complementary order technotronic society.

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Key words: circulation of medicines, legal regulation, national security, the U.S.

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In the article, which is based on the documentary materials and personal observations of the author – the participant of the Kursk fight, the main results of operational and service activity of security service in this greatest battle of the Great Patriotic War and lessons from this historical event are considered.

Key words: security service, SMERSH, Kursk fight, revenge, helpers.

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of the political life of Russia, giving the coordinates of meaning within which the projective Russian studies are built.

Key words: February 1917, October 1917, masses, mass consciousness, Smuta (Strife, Time of Trouble), revolution, Russian studies.

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Key words: Second Russian smuta (revolt), communal revolution, peasants.

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Key words: safety, pacifism, gender, political realism, balance of forces, civil society.

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Key words: homeland security, human security, quantitative security objective assessment of security, public safety reflection.

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Key words: civilization, Europe's Mission, the European Union, the reformation, the absolute monarchy, Renaissance, "Renaissance", New time, Catholicism, Calvinism, Anglican.

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Key words: Bessarabia, Great Romania, Great Domestic war, Moldova.

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Key words: strategic bulletin, military organization, security and defence sector, doctrine.

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The article is written on the base of the Tajik's press monitoring, asiaplus.tj internet portal, author's personal impressions and interviews during her business trip to Tajikistan. The author describes the social and economic situation and political process in the country, analyses its foreign policy and the difficulties of relationships between Russia and Tajikistan. She makes a forecast of their probable further development.

Key words: Russia, Tajikistan, migration, Customs union.

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The Author analyses cooperation between Tajikistan and China in different spheres of economic activities, demonstrating concrete examples the effectiveness of interaction of two states.

Key words: RT and PRC (China), Shanghai Cooperation Organization, strategic partnership, the economic cooperation.

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Key words: biospherical pathogenic areas, rhythms of biospherical dissymmetry's change, abnormal phenomena, circles on fields, ball lightning, swarms of animals, weather on the Earth.

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The article is devoted to the legislative activity of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation. Particular attention is given to clarify the status of the RF CCI as the actor of the extra-parliamentary legislative process.

Key words: Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation (RF CCI), law-making, legislative process.

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Key words: International Financial Center (IFC), global financial services industry, banking, assets, clearing, mortgages, metropolis.

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Key words: Russia, the Eurasian Integration, the Eurasian Union, Globalization, World Politics.

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The author examines the relationship of conditions and factors of regional integration processes as a universal mechanism to facilitate the transfer of regional integration from the idea stage to the implementation stage through the consolidation of the public interest and political accordance.

Key words: region, integration, society, political interests.

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The article analyses the issues of terrorism and counter-terrorist activity in the Russian Federation (through the example of the Northern Caucasus region) during the last ten years from the view-point of strengthening the national security of the State. Basing on a large volume of statistical data the author shows the emergence of terrorism in the country and measures taken for its considerable localization.

Key words: Terrorism, Northern Caucasus, the National Anti-terrorist Committee, the national security.

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Key words: The European Union, CSDP, the Lisbon Treaty, battle groups, «Pooling and Sharing», NATO, Russia.

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This article examines a new Barak Obama's Arctic strategy that was adopted in May 2013. Its similarities and dissimilarities with George Bush's, Jr. Arctic doctrine are identified. This study arrives at a conclusion that despite some innovations, such as an emphasis on the need for regional cooperation and the 'soft' security problematique, the new strategy is mainly of declaratory character and cannot be considered as a real 'breakthrough' in the U.S. Arctic policy.

Key words: U.S. Arctic strategy, international cooperation in the Arctic.

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After the collapse of the Soviet Union, United States began to pursue an active policy of rapprochement with the states of Caucasus and Central Asia. The main purpose of the United States is a ready access to energy resources, so they rapidly emerge and develop partnerships with Caucasian and Central Asian states, carry out financial support to governments, organize joint exercises and open military representations. The presented article is devoted to the analysis of relationship and prospects of its development.

Key words: USA, Caucasus, Central Asia, Major non NATO ally.

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Increasing interaction of global and national economic system processes creates many challenges for the world's leading positions contenders, including Russia as well. This article deals with analysis of the investments role as a technological transformation driver as a catalyst of the knowledge-intensive growth factors formation. Analysis is performed in the context of the necessity of the innovative prerequisites creation for strengthening the competitive position of Russia in world energy markets.

Key words: energy security, investments, fuel and energy complex, energy markets, innovations, oil refining, the European Union; Asia-Pacific Region.

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The article deals with the regional power as a category of global political studies and assesses the potential of India as a regional power. Conclusions are based on such criteria as belonging to the economic, political, military and civilizational poles, and on the other criteria. The author of the article makes an attempt to identify traits that contribute to the transformation of the country in a regional power, and obstacles to the formation of her in that capacity.

Key words: regional power, India, pole of the global world.

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Vietnam in recent years has become one of the most attractive countries for foreign investment. Russia currently accounts for more than 80 years of investment projects in Vietnam with a registered capital of nearly U.S. \$ 1 billion. The priority and the most promising area of cooperation between the two countries remains the fuel and energy complex, in the first place – the oil and gas production and power generation.

Key words: Vietnam, Russia, economic cooperation, trade, investment.

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Every year view of nature of international relations is becoming clearer, fills with new colors by adding new sources. In 1970-s the time to such sources has come as a result of a birth of the such humanitarian discipline as geopoetics, that added the artwork to the base of international relations studies. Analyzed in conjunction with traditional sources of the study of international relations, they give a picture of the world, which explains the nature of many conflicts and find the tools to resolve them.

Key words: international relations, geopoetics, geopolitics, art, cultural diplomacy, “soft power”.

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Willy Brandt and Russia

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The article deals with specific political aspects of the foreign policy line pursued by Willy Brandt, the FRG chancellor, the Chairman of the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD), the Chairman of the Socialist International, toward Russia. The author gives prominence to the key role played by Willy Brandt in shaping and implementing the policy of détente in international relations and the new “Ostpolitik” by the SPD toward the USSR/Russia. Particular place is assigned to the issues of

sustaining and developing the principles of Willy Brandt's policy by the contemporary German social democracy.

Key words: Willy Brandt, "Ostpolitik", the Moscow Treaty, "Willy Brandt's political grandchildren", modernization project, "far-sighted" foreign policy by the SPD.

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The Deadlocks of Ethnic Federalism 6

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The results of the analysis of ethnic problems in modern Russia in the context of the federal structure of the state are presented in the paper. It is shown that one of the main conflict generating factors is the ethnic component of federalism. Alternative variants of state-territorial organization of Russia are discussed and conclusion is made that transition to a unitary state with national-territorial autonomies is a promising way.

Key words: federalism, ethnicity, politicization of ethnicity, territorial autonomy, national and cultural autonomy.

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Key words: energy diplomacy, energy security, political technologies.

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Key words: financial and economic crisis, mortgage loans, anti-crisis measures, anti-inflation measures.

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Key words: Russian Consulate on Crete, Ottoman politics, governor and law-courts on Crete, Cretan insurrections, Russian fleet.

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Key words: Russian-French relations, Napoleon Bonaparte, Alexander I, the Napoleonic wars, anti-French coalition, the Patriotic War of 1812, foreign campaign of the Russian army, the Holy Alliance.

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Key words: R.W. Seton-Watson, Pan-Slavism, military propaganda, the First World War, magyarization, Austria-Hungary.

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Key words: human capital, Baltic Countries, education, emigration, index of human capital, function conditions of human capital.

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Key words: Authority, social cycle, involutational period, Modern era.

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Key words: French, Sarkozy, Hollande, gaullism.

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Key words: political risk, decision making process, energy sector, scenario analysis.

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The Volga reservoirs ensure the operation of eight hydropower stations, the navigation on the Volga, the regulation of the Volga’s water flow and the irrigation of farm lands.

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Key words: Volga, hydropower stations, reservoirs, dams, submergence, safety, disastrous accidents, compensative expenditures.

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Key words: geopolitics, Russian Orthodox Church, the Third Rome, revolution, the USSR.

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Key words: GCC, international financial center, Dubai, Qatar, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia.

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Key words: Austrian identity, the Austrian State Treaty, neutrality, the European Union, the crisis in the Euro zone, Austria's Europeanism, partnership between Russia and Austria.

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