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

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*Key words:* national security environment, its elements, the legitimate activities of a revolutionary struggle, guerrilla (national liberation) movement.

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

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*Key words:* cultural policy, diplomacy of influence, “soft power”, France.

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

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*Key words:* international law, human rights, non-citizen, refugee, migrants.

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*Key words:* Sweden, investment convenience level, direct foreign investments.

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*Key words:* catastrophe, the Allied Powers, the Tehran Conference, Stalin, Roosevelt, Churchill, residency.

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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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