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The article deals with the role, importance and influence on the global situation made by the agreement between the structures of the global-oligarchic clans of the Rothschild's and the Rockefellers signed in the end of May of 2012. Conducting a detailed analysis of the subsequent events, such as the international rating agencies behavior or the «banks' war» in the USA and Europe, the author stresses its political rationale. Thus he comes to the conclusion that some latent mechanisms and processes are emerging up to the surface of the present global policy.

Devoting the article to the 95-th anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution, the author highlights the present obvious similarity with the situation of the beginning of the XX century and stresses out the Russia's historical role in the global contradictions' solution.

*Key words:* Global Oligarchy, the Rothschild's and the Rockefellers statement, world rating agencies, global banks, bank's wars, "think tanks", Club of Rome, "Rio+20" conference, "sustainable development", "peace building", history and modernity, Russia, the Great October.

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*Key words:* corruption, civil society, anti-corruption policies, anti-corruption legislation.

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The article investigates the nature of the legal issues of mercenarism in the international legal practice as well as in the national legal systems of several countries. The fundamental measures of counteracting the mercenary gangs are disclosed.

*Key words:* mercenaries, armed gangs, internal military conflicts, counteraction.

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The article is based on the materials of the development of the Institute for International Elections Observation. And it shows the formation of a new understanding of the political participation by citizens in the modern world, which actually begins with the election campaigns. The presence of foreign observers on these campaigns provides them with a lot of publicity and opportunities for exchange of electoral participation experience.

*Key words:* electoral process, international observers, the UN, The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, monitoring.

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The article describes the history and features of the lobby formation in Russia. The author points out a number of key moments in transformation of lobby mechanisms during the different time periods and concludes that lobbying as a social phenomenon in Russia has successfully existed for a long time, however in an uncivilized way, thus its further development and methods demand additional regulation from the society and the state.

*Key words:* a lobbyism phenomenon, lobbyism development in Russia, uncivilized lobbyism, civilized lobbyism, transformation of lobbyism mechanisms.

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**A. Orlov**

The author states that the beginning of each new century, starting from the XVII, has been dramatic for Russia. Basing on the analysis of the events sequence, which led to the First World War, the author draws certain analogy with the specificity of the international situation development at the beginning of the XXI century. According to his assessment, nowadays there is a set of factors which may serve as a detonator of the new world large-scale conflict, in case of negative dynamics of events.

*Key words:* First World War, Russia, Entente, Austro-Hungary, Germany, USA, Serbia, NATO, Syria, Iran, Middle East, regional and local conflicts.

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**The US policy in the Asia-Pacific region and the potential conflict between the USA and China**

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**M. Mamonov**

The Obama administration decision to “restore” the US in the Asia-Pacific region by tapping on the traditional military and political toolkit has once again pointedly raised the issue of future relations between the USA and China as well as a possible full-scale conflict between the two powers. One can read the first signs of such a conflict in the US aggressive interference in territorial disputes China has with certain ASEAN nations.

Beijing is skeptical about the potential of the US leadership in Asia and is trying to make Washington reconcile the China’s mighty and unavoidable growth, notwithstanding military might. Also China cautiously indicates the need to share the burden of responsibility for the region.

The Eastern Asia security system built on the network of the US bilateral military alliances with a number of Asian nations has not undergone any meaningful changes after the end of the Cold War and is currently in the dire need of transformation. The future of the East Asian security largely depends on Beijing’s and Washington’s readiness to take into consideration each other’s opinions, fears and interests while the regional security architecture is brought into synch with the altered conditions of the international environment.

*Key words:* US foreign policy, China foreign policy, Asia-Pacific security, territorial disputes in the South China Sea.

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**Russia and Vatican: challenges of the XXI century and moral principles in the world politics**

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The article is devoted to the comparison of Russia’s and Vatican’s positions on the key problems of the globalised world.

*Key words:* religious factor, moral guidelines, common moral denominator, heritage of the world religions, inter-religious peace.

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**V. Shtol**

For almost one and a half century a special look at the ratio of territory and borders, national interest and state power complex has been characterized as geopolitical. During this time the researchers and politicians have considerably advanced in understanding the nature and the essence of geopolitical interactions. Now they are actively addressing to the geo-economics, geo-history and geo-culture. But the geopolitics does not stand still and manifests as a constantly developing research field without which the resolution of sophisticated international problems would be difficult. Lyudmila Ternovaya highlights this in her book “Parageopolitics”.

*Key words:* geopolitics, international relations, alternative history, international actors, travelogue.

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**Events and People**

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**Was the Russian revolution of 1917 really inevitable?**

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**A. Medushevsky**

To answer this question the author analyses the nature of the revolutionary crisis in the Russian traditional agrarian society and possibilities to overcome it by using different legal reform strategies. In the situation of unstable social balance, which is typical for all countries under modernization, danger of the revolutionary break was not fatal and could have been avoided by skillful reformers. From this point the author analyses mistakes of liberal reformers and legal possibilities to overcome the revolutionary crisis of 1917.

*Key words:* modernization, social conflict, revolution, reform, agrarian transformation, legal projects, liberalism, extremism.

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