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This article describes a unique experience in development of the domestic interethnic and interfaith relations; reveals the historical and social conditions and specific features of the legal framework governing public relations in the sphere of religion; reflects the current state of the law in the designated area.

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Key words: inter-ethnic relations, interfaith relations, religious organizations, the legal basis of religion.

Fergana Valley: Causes of Conflict Phenomena and Ways to Resolve Them

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Natural and geographical, ethnic and cultural, as well as geopolitical factors have defined a special significance of the Fergana valley (FV). The natural and geographic conditions of these valley lands unique to the region have made them source of sustenance (survival) for entire Central Asia (CA), which is bound to affect the demographic situation.

Its conflict-prone potential is conditioned by a number of interrelated factors. The most important conflict factors that can play a key role in a likely destabilization of the region can be divided into eight groups. These include social and demographic, historical and political, as well economic factors, the problem of enclaves and water supplies, extremist and terrorist organizations, corruption / criminal activities / drug-trafficking and internal destabilizing factors.

Fight for influence over Central Asia became multi-level long ago. The first level is geopolitical confrontations between such giants as Russia, the US and China in order to strengthen one's influence and positions in the region, which is not to rule out a competition between military, political and regional blocs like the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO), NATO or Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO). The second level is regional, i.e. between the countries of CA themselves. The third one is conflicts between political groups inside CA nations. The article analyzes the role of Russia's potential allies – countries-members of the CSTO and SCO in organizing preventive measures to localize most dangerous threats and challenges, including terrorism, drug-trafficking and organized crime.

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Mechanisms of relief of unconstructive consequences of political competition of Kazakhstan latent elite groups

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Intra competition and structuring of the clan elite community of Kazakhstan are presented in the context of the author's ideas about the formation of the central government self-replicating mechanism to prevent their negative effects.

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Baltic countries: theory and practice of welfare state

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Conception of welfare state, hard criticized at the beginning of XXI st century, is coming back to politics. After crises of 2007–2009 years and followed later global economic turbulence unemployment has sharply raised, rate of GDR growth has decreased, social instability has been observed. More clearly one can see it in the Baltic States.

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Key words: conception of welfare state, Baltic States, unemployment, emigration.

Common European foreign policy challenges

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In the article the main aspects of the EU external policy such as the emergence and development of a common European foreign policy are analyzed. Particular attention is devoted to the analysis of the main directions of the foreign policy of European diplomacy and of the prospects for the Common Foreign and Security Policy of the EU.

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Key words: Political crises, Common Foreign and Security Policy.

Overcoming of political and legal alienation in views of classics of anarchism

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The article covers the evolution in the positions of classics of anarchism on issue of overcoming alienation of personality from state and society, restoring of social solidarity and justice that are the valuable fundamentals of anarchism. In spite of formal attraction of stated positions within corresponding discourse, they are suffered from too abstractive level of theoretical construction. As a result none of them has proven its endurance in practical experience.

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Key words: anarchism, alienation, social solidarity, freedom, anarcho-individualism, anarcho-collectivism, free treaty, collective property, federation, self-ruling communities.

Law

Legal categories correlation “Area of counter terroristic operations” and “Area of internal armed conflict”

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Y.Grigorov

Basing on comparative legal research the author investigates important scientific problem of correlation of legal categories “area of counter terroristic operations” and “area of internal armed conflict”. The cause-and-effect connection between the internal armed conflict and the necessity of carrying out counter terroristic operation for purpose of localizing and regulating has been revealed. Important distinctive features of internal armed conflicts and armed conflicts of international character have been foregrounded. Key problems of legal adjustments of the internal armed conflicts have been defined.

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Key words: legal regulation, counterterrorist operation area, the area of the internal military conflict, the Additional Protocols for the 1949 Geneva Convention.

«Execute not pardon». Problems of theory and practice of special grounds for excluding criminal responsibility

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A.Mayakova

This article examines the conditions of validity of the special grounds for exemption from criminal liability for “Hostage” (article 206 of the criminal code), “Kidnapping” (article 126 of the criminal code), “Unauthorized absence from place of service” (article 337 of the criminal code), “Desertion” (article 338 of the criminal code), “Treason” (article 275 of the criminal code), “Terrorist act” (article 205 of the criminal code) and other crimes. Emphasized is the need for legislative clarification of the individual characteristics of the analyzed standards.

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Key words: special grounds for exemption from criminal liability, hostage taking, desertion, treason, terrorism.

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Russian weaponry and army (the essay of the pre-revolutionary development)

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A.Frolov

Article is devoted to the evolution of the development of Russian weapons from the middle ages up to the end of the World War I. Among the factors determining this development and improvement, the development of strategy and tactics of combat, military thought, outcomes and results of wars and the resulting military reforms, the problems of the domestic economic development, the state of the resource and the scientific base.

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