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The article deals with the results of the State Duma's elections of December 4, 2011. The author's analysis examines this political event in the light of following protest actions. So the special interest of some external and internal forces in strengthening of this protest is stressed in the article. The author considers self-organization councils to be the alternative way of political development in such a situation.

*Key words:* The elections in Russia, the State Duma, political system, Vladimir V. Putin, opposition, protest actions, self-organization councils.

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*Key words:* elections, Chechnya, Dagestan, the North Caucasus, distinctive features of "election technologies" in the North Caucasus.

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*Key words:* Bank of Russia legal status, legal and institutional form of legal entity.

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*Key words:* geopolitics, foreign policy, integration, state, Union State (US).

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The article deals with the relationship between the global city and the nation-state. Transformed into an international center of power, global city, due to the greater political mobility and a higher rate of integration into the global economy, intends to implement, first of all, its personal interests, which sometimes contradict with national programs and projects. The article analyzes the main problem zones of the interaction between the global city and the state.

*Key words:* global city, global economy, the diplomacy of cities, global mediator, political mobility.

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The article contains heads of the Author's speech at the international conference «Russia and Germany in Europe and World. The Ways of collaboration and challenges of modern times», conducted by the Institute of Europe and Society «Russia and Germany» on October, 12, 2011 in Moscow.

The main attention was given to the problems of the imminent ethnic crises connected with the disintegration of the state-forming nations on regional sings and simultaneous «substitution» of native population in increasing rate by «strange people» of different culture, whose rapid growth brings about alarming predictions of demographies.

According to their opinion, such quantitative aggravation of demographic indicators leads to qualitative degradation of future generations and in this connection the author analyses the book «Deutschland schafft sich ab» by Thilo Sarrazin.

*Key words:* Russia, Germany, state-forming nations, demography, native population, ethnic crises.

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*Key words:* transitive economy, foreign investments, investment risks, the investment policy.

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*Key words:* Latvia, Russia, Baltic region, non-citizens, crisis, inter-ethnic relations, Russians, Lettish, European Union, NATO, West, United States, elections, parliament, coalition government.

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*Key words:* APEC, ASEAN, East Asian Summit, liberalization of trade and investments, economic cooperation.

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The article analyzes the UN's institutional system in the area of postconflict peacebuilding. Substantiates the evolution of the UN's Peacebuilding Commission's development.

*Key words:* international law, United Nations Peacebuilding Commission, postconflict peacebuilding.

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The article deals with the activities of the last Military Minister of the Provisional Government Alexander I. Verkhovsky, which is examined on the basis of the newspaper's publications of the October of 1917 and archive documents. According to the author's opinion, the main of his merit was presented by the aspiration for the Russian Army's sharp reduction in order to its saving in the conditions of winter's and hunger's impending. So the support of Verkhovsky's activities by the revolutionary party's representatives often happened simultaneously with coming into collision with the liberal and conservative ones.

*Key words:* Alexander I. Verkhovsky, Alexander F. Kerensky, Provisional Government, the Military Minister, Russian Army, the October of 1917.

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V. Shtol

After the lapse 70 year from the beginning of the Great Patriotic War some important facts are being forgotten. This is especially concerned the data of strength of military units from the countries – allies of Germany and citizen from the occupied territories, including the USSR, fighting on the side of the third Reich in Vermacht and SS-units.

The Author on the basis of archive documents, memoirs of politicians and military men shows that contributions of these foreign legions, brigades and divisions into the whole strength of the German armed forces was extremely high.

*Key words:* Second World War, Great Patriotic War, eastern front, legioniers.

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