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The article deals with processes of ideological support for modernization projects of the national elites in the late Soviet and Post-Soviet periods. The author mentions several “ideological” phases, where each of them was determined by the leadership of a particular group. Despite some ideological contradictions Russian elite demonstrated a high level of consolidation and considered its activity as a mission towards state and society.

Key words: elite, modernization, ideology, liberalism, “sovereign democracy”, “global joint stock company”, stability.

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The article highlights the process of improvement of legal regulation in the sphere of compensatory payments to individuals and legal entities for the damage

caused as a result of terrorist acts and in the course of carrying out counter-terrorist operations.

Key words: indemnification, counter-terrorist operations, civil-law responsibility, special delict.

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Post-Soviet states: quest for identity and costs of independence

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The author considers the complex process of the self-identification of people in the countries of the former Soviet space; analyzes the ethno-national policy in the Baltic States, Central Asia and Moldova; reveals psycho-mobilizing and psycho-compensatory functions of nationalism that led to serious shortcomings in the internal policy of the newly independent states as well as to the appearance of armed and socio-political conflicts based on the above reasons.

Key words: NIS, self-identification, nationalism, ethnic and cultural dominant, Central Asia, Moldova, Baltic, Transnistria.

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The general cultural-civilization basis as the factor of reintegration of post-soviet regional community

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The article highlights the issue on preservation and development of the “Russian world” cultural-civilization identity, formed throughout centuries as a result of an active cultural exchange between people of the modern post-Soviet territory. Introduction of the new independent states to the socio-economical system and the western cultural values will mean for Russia loss of possibility to consolidate the Russian identity in region.

Key words: Cultural identity, multiculturalism, reintegration, the western system of values, the post-Soviet territory.

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US Global Ballistic Missile Defense System in the context of strategic stability

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The article is dedicated to the research of technology basis and possible deployment perspectives of the US global ballistic missile defense system (BMDS). The author point out a discrepancy between the progress, results of this work against the declared missile threats. Destabilizing role of prompt global strike conception is especially emphasized which implementation along with “phantomlike reliable” BMDS can lead to the catastrophic consequences.

Key words: Strategic stability, defense science and technology policy, global BMDS, network-centric warfare architecture, prompt global strike.

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Intelligence activities in the modern world

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The article deals with current status of the intelligence activities, their trends and role in the international affairs, as well as possibilities of raising effectiveness of Russian intelligence.

Key words: foreign policy, intelligence services, Central Intelligence Agency of the U.S.A., Foreign Intelligence Service of the Russian Federation, intelligence means and methods.

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Inter-parliamentary institutions: criteria and classifications

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By analogy with the well-known concept of the democratization waves the author describes a chronological scheme of “parliamentarization waves” of the international relations in general and in particular of the international organizations. Analysis of the key stages in the development of the IPIs proves that the last quarter of the XXth century turned out to become a kind of bifurcation point in evolution of parliamentary assemblies.

Author presents evolutionary analysis of two key IPI genotypes – international parliamentary organizations and parliamentary bodies of international organizations on basis of quantitative and qualitative criteria, which explains the reasons of differences in their upgrowth and epigenetics.

Key words: inter-parliamentary institution (IPI), parliamentary assembly, international organization, waves of parliamentarization, parliamentarization.

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Is it possible to stop Revolution?

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The present article deals with the problem of necessity and probability of stopping the process of the Great Russian revolution’s expansion, when the destructive forces of it became absolutely dominant. The realization of this possibility is connected with the success of the revolutionary process.

Key words: power, state, society, revolution, counterrevolution, reforms, disorganization, masses, consciousness, ideal, riot.

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**“The Europe’s envy does not bother me much”.
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S. Rybakov

2012 – a year of significant dates in the history of Russia. Among them there is a date, a subtle but important: 250 years ago Catherine II was proclaimed the Empress of Russia. She was called the Great. Among the advantages of Catherine were big successes in the field of foreign policy. The issues of the external policy of Russia in the period of her reign had been resolved. Catherine’s era might be called as a time of take-off of the Russian Empire’s international importance.

Key words: diplomacy, Empress Catherine II, Rummyantsev, Potemkin, Suvorov, the Russian-Turkish wars, the Crimea, the black sea fleet, Russian-Swedish war, sections of Poland.

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