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The paper draws attention to the consideration of constitutional and other legal provisions governing the protection of the rights and freedoms of compatriots abroad. It also substantiates the idea that the existence of dual citizenship does not solve the problem of the protection of persons with dual citizenship on the territory of one of the two States.

*Key words:* Constitution of Russia, foreign nationals, compatriots abroad, dual citizenship, Russian diaspora.

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## **Gender aspects of the theory of the welfare state** 30

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The main objective of the welfare state is mitigation of social and particularly gender inequalities. The article shows the complexity of gender issues and their relevance associated with the vector of development of the welfare state.

*Key words:* welfare state, gender, feminism, social inequality.

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## **Integration and disintegration trends in the CIS** 39

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The article presents a retrospective analysis of the processes that have unfolded since the collapse of the USSR, the tendencies of political relations between the state-members of the CIS.

*Key words:* CIS, regional security, customs union, Common economic space, Eurasian economic community.

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## **Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative: From Declaration to Organization?** 48

### V. Blishchenko

The article deals with the emergence of Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) and its transformation from a political declaration to the new international organization. Contains analysis of EITI objectives, initiators, sponsors and members.

*Key words:* Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), international law, international organizations.

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## **Political risks in energy sector: objects of risk analysis** 55

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The article covers the political risk evaluation problems when stakeholders make a decision concerning strategic investments in energy sector. Theories of making decision process are briefly described. Key factors that influence on investors and

other interested parties are depicted below. In addition the article presents classification of risks in general and political risks in details. Special focus was made on political risk modeling and different approaches in order to measure this group of risks in oil and gas industry.

*Key words:* political risk, decision making process, energy sector, scenario analysis.

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## **And from afar long there’s flowed the river Volga... About the veritable cost of the Volga hydropower and river transportation**

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The Volga reservoirs ensure the operation of eight hydropower stations, the navigation on the Volga, the regulation of the Volga’s water flow and the irrigation of farm lands.

Both the supporters and opponents of the Volga reservoirs believe it a top-priority task to keep the dams of these reservoirs safe. Reinforcing and retrofitting the dams will require a multibillion-ruble funding, while the cost of eliminating the aftermath of a disastrous accident with the dam break will be still greater.

*Key words:* Volga, hydropower stations, reservoirs, dams, submergence, safety, disastrous accidents, compensative expenditures.

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## **Russian Orthodox Church’s geopolitical mission in the first half of the XX<sup>th</sup> century**

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A. Klimenko

The article reveals the geopolitical aspect of the Russian Orthodox Church’s activity in the first half of the XX<sup>th</sup> century. The history of the medieval Russia and the fall of the Byzantium point out that the Church was at the wellsprings of Russia’s first geopolitical conception. This helps to analyze the further development of Russia.

According to the article the year 1917 turns out to be the logical consequence of the spiritual crisis of the Russian nationhood and the Church. Vice versa, after the revolution, especially during the Great Patriotic war, the Church linked the geopolitical and spiritual aspects of its activity that revealed its great potential and led Joseph Stalin to a decision to use interchurch relations for the realization of a new geopolitical project of unprecedented scale.

*Key words:* geopolitics, Russian Orthodox Church, the Third Rome, revolution, the USSR.

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## **International Financial Centers foundation: the GCC Case**

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The article considers history, legal regime, features of 5 financial centers of the GCC states – Dubai, Doha, Manama, Riyadh, Abu-Dhabi. It is shown that creation of financial centers is one of the directions of economic diversification. Recommendations for Russia are given.

*Key words:* GCC, international financial center, Dubai, Qatar, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia.

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## **Austrian Identity and European Integration**

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The article analyzes historical and political aspects of shaping Austrian identity and defines its central features. It deals with the issues of Austria's interaction with the European Union, the maintenance of Austrian identity in the context of the world economic and financial crisis, the crisis in the Euro zone, the problems of the influence that European skepticism exerts of the nation's party and political landscape.

*Key words:* Austrian identity, the Austrian State Treaty, neutrality, the European Union, the crisis in the Euro zone, Austria's Europeanism, partnership between Russia and Austria.

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## **Egypt After the 2011's Revolution. Who Will Gain Power: Generals or Islamists?**

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The second part of the article deals with preconditions and after-effects of the coup d'état of July 3, 2013 in Egypt, where the military intervened to overthrow the president-Islamist Mohammed Mursi, to create a transitional government and to suspend the recently adopted constitution, which have been valid at the first half of that year. The author also treats persecution of the "Muslim Brotherhood", which nevertheless has not lost its strong influence and multiple allies, what is fraught with new rounds of the Egyptian political turmoil.

*Key words:* Egypt, Mohammed Mursi, A.F. as-Cici, coup d'état.

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