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The article describes the process of the public consciousness evolution and the role of the category “national interest” in the formation of a nation. And it is especially important taking into consideration the role of the foreign policy of Russia in the development of the Russian national consciousness.

*Key words:* national interests, national consciousness, the international relations, foreign policy.

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The article describes the problem of construction of the Union state of Russia and Belarus, which remains the most important tasks from the political, economic and military points of view.

The author considers the objective reasons, which create a unique opportunity for the development of our two brotherly countries on the basis of a new paradigm of the integration development.

*Key words:* The Union state of Russia and Belarus, Belarusian nuclear power plant, the Eurasian Union.

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The article considers and analyses differences in potentials and parameters of the development of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, as well as the justification of their cooperation within the informal club of emerging countries – BRICS. Additionally it is examined what has been achieved so far by the BRICS as an independent organization, as well as within the other international institutions; divergences which complicate cooperation of the countries, and their future opportunities in the context of different possible scenarios of their interaction.

*Key words:* BRICS, G20, club mechanisms, UN, WTO, UNCTAD, IMF, World Bank.

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*Key words:* China, the Communist Party of China, XVIII Congress, Hu Jintao, Xi Jinping, Bo Xilai, the rise of the Chinese nation.

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This study makes an effort to outline main priorities of Barack Obama's second presidential term. It is suggested that the decrease in the U.S. foreign policy activities can be expected because of the magnitude of domestic problems and overall 'over-stretch'. Among the geographical priorities the Asia-Pacific region will become the most important one. No radical 'breakthroughs' in relations with Russia should be expected. In general, "Obama-2" foreign policy will be characterized by the continuation of the previous administration's course.

*Key words:* Barack Obama, second presidential term, foreign policy.

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This article provides an explanation of the provision of Convention on the Rights of the Child to undertake measures on national level for the implementation of obligations taken on the basis of the present Convention.

*Key words:* international law; convention; Rights of the Child; implementation; legislative, administrative and other measures.

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**Modern technologies of international conflicts analysis**

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The paper describes the main technologies of international conflicts' analysis, including anti-crisis systems, models of international conflicts and of decision-making in conflict situations. Particular emphasis is placed on the most modern instruments of content analysis of Internet information.

*Key words:* international conflicts, crisis management, computer models, content analysis, event analysis.

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**The Internet as a political resource and means of influencing public opinion**

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This article shows the role of the Internet in politics in the beginning of the XXI century and illustrates which leverage government structures and opposition have in online-sphere. Now the “WWW” is no longer just a mediator in the communication processes, it becomes a strategically essential power resource of governance and manipulation.

*Key words:* PR-technologies, political PR, communicatory revolution, social media, blogosphere, political blogger, viral marketing, anti-government demotivators, of-line-sphere.

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**The Soviet project and world historical trends**

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The article gives the analysis of the Soviet project for the mankind development. The research methods are used to correlate the Soviet experiment with the long cliodynamic lines, to identify its factor role for the global trend changes. The idea of the influence of the Soviet project on the restrain process of inequality in the world is substantiated. The destructive consequences of the Soviet alternative disappearance for the harmonic development of a personality are studied.

*Key words:* the Soviet project, neocolonialism, the world system.

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At the each stage of the formation of a federal state in Belgium corrections in the organic legislation were introduced. The decentralization of governance has become possible only after additional prerogatives had been delegated to the subnational authorities. The process was accompanied by elaboration and adoption of the new laws as well as by upgrading the old ones. As a result of the organic legislation maturing in Belgium local authorities gained more leverage to promote international cooperation.

*Key words:* Belgium, organic powers, federal statehood.

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The article is devoted Mikhail Illarionovich's personal quality – philanthropy, which has not been mentioned in the earlier publications. Being guided by war laws, he showed mercy to soldiers of the enemy, particularly to the military prisoners.

*Key words:* M. I. Kutuzov, the Patriotic War of 1812.

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