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Key words: energy sector, uncertainty, resource nationalism, political risk, risk factor, qualitative and quantitative analysis, investment project, net present value.

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Key words: Parliament, Ukraine, elections, political system.

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By using the example of the various regional integration groups, the author shows the impact of the globalization of international relations on the processes occurring in these associations. The article provides a characteristic of its types and forms and highlights some common features of the integration. The impact of the crisis on the world economy is also analysed.

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The article considers the changes in the international trade with the consequence of its shifting to the phase of permanent instability.

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Key words: World Trade Organisation, shale gas.

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Lately, the changes and extension of international law have sped up. This led to an expansion of international cooperation in the field of human rights while at the same time it is accompanied by a sharp narrowing of the internal law of states.

Key words: human rights, international protection, internal competence, treaty bodies, international crimes.

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This article deals with the problem of coverage of the correlation of world politics and cinema in political sciences and cultural studies relating to the structuralism school. The authors of this trend saw in the movies not only the answers to actual questions, but also felt the specificity of this visual source as simulacrum, reflecting what is now unreal, but in the future might happen and turn in a risk of security, as the risk of human safety or the risk of the global scale.

Key words: world politics, cinema, structuralism, post-structuralism, simulacrum, modernization.

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The article is devoted to the discussions between the Italian Marxists and Norberto Bobbio on the problems of the relations of liberalistic vision of the world and the Marxism, as well as on the problems of destiny of western democracy. At the 70-80 years in polemics with Marxist theorists, Bobbio elaborates his own conception of democracy and defends it in the intellectual struggles and discussions.

Key words: democracy, liberalism, socialism, communism, Marxism, elimination of state, paradoxes of democracy, pluralism, third way, welfare state.

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Stalingrad – the symbol of the heroism of Russian soldiers. Heroic defense of the city on the Volga River – a very important event in the Russian and world history. The Battle of Stalingrad surpassed all other battles, which occurred prior to 1942, in scale and significance. The battle was the most important act of the Second World War. The victory of the Soviet troops at Stalingrad showed that the collapse of the Third Reich is imminent. This victory saved mankind from fascist enslavement.

Key words: World War II, Nazism, Directive № 41, Directive № 45, Battle of Stalingrad, General Paulus, 62 Army, General Chuikov, the operation “Uranus”.

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At first glance, a study of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Russia and the United States of America may seem trivial to someone: for over two centuries much has been talked and written about it. Nevertheless, we will try to clarify the principal pages of the history of Russian-American relations that contain still a lot of the question mark.

Key words: Russia, the USA, establishment of diplomatic relations, Alexander Ist, Thomas Jefferson.

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