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In this paper the author analyzes the approaches of the representatives of the China's expert-analytical community in regards of the US-China relations problem in the medium and long term, as well as their participation in the formation of China's foreign policy. The author concludes that the views of Chinese experts on international relations combine a high degree of strategic mistrust and confidence in the military-strategic potential of China with a preference to avoid conflict with the United States and cooperate with them in the field of regional security.

*Key words:* USA, China, foreign policy, regional security, international security.

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The paper clarifies the concept of “soft power”, examines the factors of influence, its target audience perception. The author considers the resources of “soft power” of various countries, its fixed and variable components, as well as tools and extent of its influence. Particular attention is paid to the problem of “soft power” of Eastern and developing countries.

*Key words:* soft power, fixed and variable components of soft power.

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This article deals with the possibilities and perspectives of EU enlargement and the problems associated with the integration of its other states, the official candidates and states satisfying geographical criteria for accession, in particular, members of the Eastern Partnership. Problem is considered in the context of Ukraine's events. The integration potential of the EU and the estimated probability of activation in different directions are also considered.

*Key words:* EU, Balkan countries, Eastern Partnership, the CIS countries, Integration.

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*Key words:* European Union, migration legislation, migration policy, migration flows.

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*Key words:* The global financial crisis 2008–2009, the government's economic policy of S. Berlusconi.

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In the conditions of significant deterioration of the social and political contradictions in most developed countries, the detonator of which was the global financial and economic crisis, a reconfiguration of political forces is taking place. The modern social protest movements are new “players” in political scene. At the same time the

growth of activity of social movements indicates a crisis by all components of left forces, especially the Social Democrats and the Communists.

*Key words:* Social movement, Spain, Spanish Socialist Workers' Party (PSOE), People's party, European Union, movement "15M".

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*Key words:* Scientific and technological means, evidence of an investigative activities, forensically relevant information necessary for the disclosure of the crimes.

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*Key words:* anti-terrorist activity, Russia, Northern Caucasus, Dagestan, Volgograd, National anti-terrorist committee.

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*Key words:* leasing, risks in investments, international leasing, investments.

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*Key words:* planned economy, Commissariat Finances of the USSR, the workers forward, tax policy and tax practice.

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