

### **The concept of Regional Institutionalism (on an example of the Northwest federal district)**

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In the article «The concept of Regional Institutionalism (on epy example of Northwest federal district)» new concept of Regional Institutionalism is presented. Under this concept the institutes built by the state under which category carry – system of interaction of the Centre-region, the specialized regional legislation, and also the religious, political and social and economic approaches formed by specificity of certain geographical space, being region (subject) of the Russian Federation are understood. In article the emphasis on Northwest federal district is placed.

*Key words:* Regional Institutionalism, centre-region, External relations of regions, confessional institute.

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### **Mobile plots of gas diplomacy**

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The Russian gas monopolist «Gazprom» declared plans «to become number one in the world power market». The transformation into the leader among the global power companies «becomes a Strategic target». The achievement of this purpose should be helped by scale expansion of export activity of «Gazprom». Diplomatic actions which accompany this expansion are given in the offered article.

*Key words:* «Gazprom», gas export, gas diplomacy, «the Northern stream», «the Southern stream», «Nabukko».

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### **Organization of Local Government at the border of the XX-XXI Centuries**

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The article is devoted to the up-to-date questions of local government at the border of the XX–XXI centuries. In addition there is basically analyzed the experience of the countries where local government has been established and where it has assumed a well-defined structural and substantial setting. The author concludes that relations among different levels of power are being built rather hierarchically in modern democratic states. Along with that local government doesn’t always keep an “equal” position and it is under a tight control of the “line management”.

*Kew words:* local government, free community theory, social-economic theory of government, state theory of local government, local government dualism, competency of the local government bodies.

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### «Rivals, allies, enemies...»

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The article is devoted to the very complicated relations between Russia and the USSR on one hand and Great Britain, France and the USA on another. During the first half of the XX century those relations were varying from tactical coalitions towards political and military confrontation. The author spares the special opinion to the problem of perception of Russia's allies in the World Wars I and II by our country's public consciousness. So the role of the the foreign interventionists in the Civil War rousing is specially marking by the author.

The first part of the work deals with the problem of fulfilling of the commitments our allies in the World War I, as well as with the historical price of Russia's membership in such a coalition as the Entente.

*Kew words:* World War I, World War II, the period between World Wars, Russia/ USSR, the Entente, Anti-Hitler coalition, the Second Front, the ally's image.

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### The Geopolitics of the World War II History's falsifications

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The well-known European and Finnish historian's article contains the detailed analysis of the causes and content of the World War II history's present day falsifications. So the specific operations and projects of those falsifications are demonstrated by the author in connection with the basic ideological and political directions, which were worked out by the «historian's discussion» («Historikerstreit») of the last 1980's in West Germany. The guidance of the historical falsifications in former Soviet republics from some Global and international organizations is proved by the author, as well as the propaganda's methods, which are applying during this process. The disclaiming of Holokost consideres to be the example of those methods. The main article's withdrawal is the evidance of the geostrategic aim's presence of the whole of this campaign. It is the aspiration to the Russian Federation's destroying, which is looking like the practical realization of the Third Reich's leaders plan of the USSR's (as well as historical Russia) liquidation.

*Kew words:* World War II, falsifications, the «historian's discussion», former Soviet republics, Third Reich, Holokost, Global and international organizations, Russia's liquidation plans.

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## **Prevention of drug use**

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In this article bases of preventive maintenance of a drug addiction in a modern society are considered. Recommendations of the International Committee about the control over drugs are presented; actions of a preventive orientation are reflected in the international, state, regional, local, group and individual levels. Some debatable aspects of preventive maintenance of abusing by drugs in Russia are mentioned.

*Key words:* a drug addiction, primary preventive maintenance, preventive maintenance levels, reduction in demand, the offer decrease, alternative positive values.

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## **Differentiation in the framework of the EU Common Foreign, Security and Defence Policy**

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Shaping the Common Foreign and Security Policy now becomes the important issues for the European Union. Cooperation in the frame work of the European Security and Defence Policy develops actively. At the same time the member-states national interests and priorities have affected to these policy areas. Differentiated structure of CFSP/EDSP becomes a challenge to working up the common approaches in this area.

*Key words:* European Union, differentiation, Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP), enhanced cooperation.

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## **NATO Current Transformation: energy aspect**

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In the process of NATO's transformation the alliance's agenda is added by energy security. Energy security is intertwined with traditional and new tasks of the organization. In particular, NATO expansion and reviewing of the article V of the NATO charter in order to cover energy security are under consideration in NATO.

*Key words:* NATO, transformation, energy, security, article V, charter.

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## **The prospects of partnership between Russia and NATO and the position of the U.S.A.**

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In the last weeks of 2009, statements of Anders Fog Rasmussen, the General Secretary of NATO, attracted attention of military-political and diplomatic circles in Russia and the West. He said that the alliance is not a danger for Russia, but on the contrary is its partner in opposition to common challenges. The author is discussing whether it is true or not.

*Kew words:* North Atlantic Treaty Organization, alliance, partnership, challenges, South Ossetia.

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## **The astropolitik and the us national space policy**

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The aim of this article is to analyze a space policy as an agent of transformation of US Geostrategy. What is more, an hierarchy of targets of US National Space Policy 2006, a military, a political and an economic aspects are analyzed too.

*Kew words:* Astropolitik, Everet Dolman, transformation of geostrategy, US National Space Policy, Dr. Werner von Braun.

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## **Orthodox Christianity in Europe**

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The article is a review of a roundtable discussion held at the Diplomatic Academy on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. The issue of possible integration of European countries of the Orthodox tradition was debated. Part of the discussants supported the formation of a political-cum-economic forum, based on the Orthodox moral values but open for states not belonging to the Orthodox commonwealth. Participants of this form can be designated as the “Russian world” in the broad sense. Such forum could discuss not only narrow Orthodox issues but any political, economic, or cultural problems. The discussants evaluated the agenda of the Interparliamentary Assembly of Orthodoxy as a blueprint for the would-be forum’s scope of topics. Other discussants spoke against political formalization of the moral unity of the countries of the Orthodox tradition. In their opinion, this would be using religion and the Church in selfish political purposes. In the course of discussion the issue of growing Orthodox diaspora in Europe and its role as a bearer of Russian culture was tackled.

*Kew words:* Orthodox Christianity, Orthodoxy, Orthodox factor, Interparliamentary Assembly of Orthodoxy, Russian world, Orthodox world, Russian Orthodox Church, European Union, Patriarchate of Constantinople

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### **The future of chinese-american relations**

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Beijing's tough reaction to the recent US-Taiwan arms deal made international analysts argue about a new sway of confrontation and even "cold war" between the present and the future superpowers. How true is such an assumption and is it possible to talk about more assertive Chinese foreign policy?

*Kew words:* Chinese-american relations, taiwan, arms deal, chinese foreign policy.

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### **«The creative Minority» against the internal State's ties**

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The article is devoted to the actual present day political problems. So the political forces's placing, as well as the special features of the both of temperate and radical opposition are examining by the author. One can see not only the process of Vladimir V. Putin's opponents consolidation, but the especial internal and external aspects of this tendention. The author stresses its emergency to the Russian Federation's sovereignty. So he investigates the probable perspectives of the «conservative» coalition with the «United Russia» Party's and the state's supporters of the communists participation.

*Kew words:* The elite's groups, the political forces's placing, opposition, the liberals, the communists, Vladimir V. Putin, the «United Russia» Party, the «conservative» coalition.

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