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The author analyzes the situation in Ukraine, assesses the role of the West in fomenting internal conflict in the country and the desire to sharpen the relationship between Moscow and illegitimate authorities in Kiev, as well as the prospects for the development of the situation, in particular in connection with the referendum in the Crimea and Sevastopol.

Key words: Ukraine, European Union, NATO, the Crimea, Russia, Sevastopol, Maidan.

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This article discusses the protection of the sovereignty of the Russian Federation in the current geopolitical conditions that pose a threat to its security, and the general guidelines of the neutralization of both external and internal threats.

Key words: sovereignty, territorial integrity, countering external and internal threats.

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The article considers a number of issues connected with the leaks about the US surveillance operations in Europe and elsewhere and the role of US internet companies in its activities. The multifaceted implications for the US-EU relationship resulting from former National Security Agency contractor E.Snowden's revelations about US spying on the European allies on the internet and cell networks are scrutinized. The author points out that transatlantic disputes on data sharing and data protection have occurred previously but this time the controversy between the US and the EU turned out to be particularly heightened. He explores the mainstream of the US-EU debates on balance between national security imperatives and private data protection. One of his findings states that there is a tendency towards a fragmentation of the internet with new regional and national frameworks privileged over global arrangements, and the "Balkanization" of the Internet looms large as mistrust between countries grows in this area.

Key words: Internet, cyber and data security, US National Security Agency (NSA), E. Snowden.

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The article deals with the problems of the development of the Eurasian Economic Union. The ways of combining national and supranational interests in the Eurasian integration process are scrutinized.

Key words: Single Economic Space, Eurasian Economic Union, national interests, supranational interests, eurasianism.

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The article considers specifics of mounting of the state migration policy of the Russian Federation, underlines its main stages, problems and contradictions accompanying this process.

Key words: migration situation, migration policy, refugee, displaced person, compatriot.

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Key words: energy, gas, Russia, European Union, South Stream.

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The article represents a students` attitude to the contemporary culture and those phenomenon and processes that dominate in this sphere.

Key words: Mass culture, show business, cultural poverty, cultural “fast-food”, cultural heritage.

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The article shows uncertainty as a scientific problem and the safety factor into catastrophes. Considered a model of radiation catastrophe based on the catastrophism. Based on a scientific approach to adjusting the legislation on the provision of information about the process of development of disaster.

Key words: uncertainty, radiation disaster, catastrophism, fuzzy logic, security, decision making under uncertainty.

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Scientific work is devoted to the duality nature of political management. The author not only outlined the risks of the manipulative aspects of this phenomenon for a democratic system, but offered his own concept of political management.

Key words: political management, arcana imperii, Machiavellianism, raison d'état, democracy.

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Key words: politic nation, cultural nation, civic nation, nation-state, national state, nationalism, statism.

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Forgotten by Russian Authorities Victim of Siege of Leningrad (Fate of Academician Nikolay Vavilov's Invaluable Seed Collection)

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Academician Nikolay Vavilov created a unique collection of cultivated plants' seeds, which presents the basis for rejuvenation of plants being lost and creation of new ones. The collection was preserved throughout the years of Siege of Leningrad, and in present-day Russia its fate appears to be an open question: it is seen as an obstruction by the enthusiasts of the second wave of so-called "privatization" and by the lobbyists standing for uncontrolled spread of harmful genetically modified organisms within Russian food market. Improvement of Russian law and joined efforts of the authorities and general public are needed as fast as possible to save this invaluable gene bank.

Key words: Academician Nikolay Vavilov, seed collection, gene bank, food security, genetically modified organisms.

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