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Key words: political process, democratic values, the results of presidential election, development program for Russia.

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The article is based on the analysis of major international and national sources of military law – the Hague and Geneva Conventions and its Protocols and describes the choice of means and methods of war used in case of necessity; legal status of war prisoners, the wounded and sick; protection of civilians and premises; distinguishes the notions “treachery” and “guile”; defines such categories of combatants as “a spy” and “a recruit”. The article considers additional terms of implementing the above mentioned Conventions envisaged by the former Soviet Union while ratifying the Conventions and Protocols that are still valid.

Key words: law; military conflicts; legal interpretation; Hague and Geneva Conventions; combatants; war prisoners; means and methods of war.

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In connection with some recent cruel murders in our country (especially murders of children) our public opinion once again has begun actively discuss the question of capital punishment. The author expounds his view on the problem. He argues that in the today's situation it is quite necessary to put capital punishment again in force.

Key words: law, delinquency, social function of punishment, capital punishment, sense of justice, weapon.

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The interpretation of the current state of relations between the society and nature in the conditions of globalization defines substantive contours and heuristic potential of the new academic sub-discipline – environmental policy, the creation of which reflects the specifics and peculiarities of the modern political sciences knowledge, which is in a stage of foundation and search of its epistemological status and theoretical grounds. At the present time there is an accumulation of proper conceptual Arsenal of the given direction of political sciences and its structuring. It is about the study of political and environmental results and achievements, the study of exchange processes between heuristically-ideological potential and motivations of the main actors of the relations in policy and ecology.

Key words: Russian Federation, ecology, environmental policy, environmental protection, ecological safety, the concept of sustainable development.

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The implementation of the provisions of the Bologna Declaration is, in fact, a mechanism to ensure the comparability of the quality of training of the graduates of different levels, different educational institutions, skills, depth of training and readiness for mobility in different countries, including in Russia.

The solution of these tasks is connected with the redistribution of social roles, which universities, state authorities and society should play in the future in determining the development of higher education.

Key words: Russian Federation, the Bologna process, the Russian education, the European educational space.

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The paper analyzes possibilities of creation and realization of political and economic integration projects of post-Soviet countries in Europe. The paper stresses on the structure and dynamics of international cooperation of post-Soviet states as well as genesis, practices and perspectives of their policy towards existing integration entities in Europe. It also contains prognosis of development of regional balance of power and its influence on global and European stability.

Key words: Post-Soviet Space, Eastern Europe, European Union, NATO, Russia's foreign policy, Russia – EU relations, CIS, EurAsEC, Customs Union of Belarus, Kazakhstan and Russia, Eurasian Union.

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Starting from the “round table” discussion devoted to peasantry – power relationship, the author analyzes the problems of social nature of the peasant, definition of “peasant” in accordance with his place in the system of division of labour, the specificity of peasant's position in social systems.

Key words: peasantry, social theory, social system, peasant studies, Gemeinwesen, community.

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The article is devoted to the overall performance of the category «Interparliamentary institution» (IPI) and its types (subcategories). On the basis of own IPI criteria system author develops IPI classification, marking out following IPI types: international/regional parliamentary organizations, international parliamentary associations (subcategory – issue-related parliamentary associations), parliamentary bodies/assemblies of international organizations (subcategory – parliamentary organizations acting under the auspices of international organizations).

Key words: interparliamentary institution (IPI), parliamentary assembly, international organization, waves of parliamentarization, parliamentarization.

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This article focuses on the analysis of the European experience of innovation policy realization. The Author emphasizes that the interest of EU-countries to innovations is due to the growing needs of the consumption society formed in those countries and which at the beginning of the XXIst century became more “demanding” and “capricious”. Therefore strength of political power, political stability, as well as effectiveness of political and socio-economic course depend on how that power succeeds in modernization. At the same time the author analyses innovation situation in Germany – informal EU-leader and marks its strengths and weaknesses.

Key words: Innovation and technology policy, scientific and technological development, consumption society, competitiveness, cutting-edge technologies, R&D, high-tech products.

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In the beginning of February 2012 was presented a new book of Russian and Italian authors about Russia, Italy and Vatican in the Europe of the XXI century.

Key words: Mediterranean cross-roads, challenges of the XXI century, relationship of new Russia with new Italy, Vatican.

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The review gives an overall in-depth analysis of the book by Zhuravel V.P. and Lebedev A.V. “Grozny. Special district” which follows the conduct of the anti-terrorist operation in Grozny in 1999-2000. It is noted that the book analyzes a voluminous documentary material, publications of Russian and foreign media, views of political and military figures on the planning and the conduct of the operation. The value of the reminiscences of actual participants of the fights in Grozny is particularly stressed. The reviewer expresses the opinion that the notable feature of the book is the view of the authors that the solution of an internal armed conflict in the Caucasus was never successful by military or peaceful means alone. All this must be regarded in one system.

Key words: federal troops, interior troops of the Ministry of internal affairs of Russia, North Caucasus, second storming of Grozny, terrorism, list of killed military servicemen.

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