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The problem of development irredentist maxima in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe. The authors gives an idea of irredentist maxima established in the Byzantine Empire and determined the further development of the ideas of irredentism in the Balkans and Russia. The most important feature of irredentism in the Orthodox world is its close relationship with the Orthodox Church. This feature has led to the creation of a universal irredentist matrix that allowed the Orthodox people to form their particular attitude.

Key words: Irredentism, Pax Christiana, Pax Rossica, Ecumenical Christian powers, authorities Symphony, Moscow – the Third Rome.

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The paper analyzes functions and resources, of the institutes of the civil society in the Russian Federation. Special attention is paid to the stages of their activities in the sphere of foreign policy.

Key words: civil society, foreign policy functions and resources of non-governmental organizations, international orientation, the stages of development of specialized institutes of the Russian civil society.

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Key words: revolution, army, guerrilla, socialism, people, Venezuela.

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Key words: international cooperation, energy diplomacy, energy security, energy resources, geopolitical interests.

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Key words: convergence, integralism complementary order technotronic society.

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Key words: circulation of medicines, legal regulation, national security, the U.S.

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Key words: security service, SMERSH, Kursk fight, revenge, helpers.

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Key words: February 1917, October 1917, masses, mass consciousness, Smuta (Strife, Time of Trouble), revolution, Russian studies.

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