

**Where is mankind headed?**

Trends in International Relations in the XXI st Century (Part IV)

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In addition to the rivalry of great powers international problems are provoked by tensions and conflicts among middle-size and small states as well as by internal problems splashing into the international life.

Yet, need for cooperation in the world affairs remains and gets stronger under influence of the current financial and economic crisis and deepening globalization. Leading powers increasingly realize necessity of such cooperation, but the road to it remains thorny. It is completely up to the states to persevere in overcoming existing obstacles to cooperation.

*Key words:* Potential for Conflicts; Zones of Influence; Medium and Small Size States; Internal Problems, World Financial and Economic Crisis; Multi-Polar System; Non-Proliferation Regime; Collective Leadership and Rivalry.

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**Modernization Theories in a context of transformation of the Political Power in Modern Russia (a Problem of History)**

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In his article the author considers the basic theories of modernization; carries out the comparative analysis of modernization of foreign and Russian scientists; reveals specificity of political modernization; shows a legal policy's role in processes of modern modernization.

*Key words:* modernization, modernization theories, political modernization.

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**Effective efficient state**

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The author quoted some statements of President D.Medvedev and Prime-Minister V.Putin with the appeals to the people of Russia to build on effective state in social, management, political, economical and defense spheres. For only effective state, on their opinions, could realize their lifelong dream – the rebirth of Russia as a great power.

*Key words:* Effective efficient state, modernization, world economic crisis, historical chronicles, the federal system, competitiveness.

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### **Sources of external challenges and threats to national security**

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In the article the whole spectrum and hierarchy of external challenges and threats to national security of the post bipolar world is analyzed.

*Key words:* national security, international security, military and not military threats.

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### **The Lessons of Crises for World Economy**

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The article contains the analysis of the causes of world economic crises. The author emphasizes the role of the state in overcoming the crises and expresses ideas concerning creation of a mechanism of collective regulation of the global economic system.

*Key words:* World economic crises, new generation systemic crisis, real economy, virtual economy, liberal markets model, new architecture of the global economy, United Nations Organization (UN), UN Economy Security Council.

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The Environmental Safety in Russian and the European Union sphere of interests  
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Nowadays Russian and the European Union cooperation in the field of the Environmental Safety includes following guidelines: the realization of the U.N.O. framework convention positions concerning the atmosphere changes, the elaboration mechanism of Kyoto transaction's realization, and also the biodiversity conservation, nuclear and chemical safety problem's solution on European Continent.

*Key words:* Russia, the European Union, the environmental safety, the environmental protection, Ecology, the environmental policy.

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### **Liberal democracy modern Theory and Practice on the West**

A.Zagorodnicov

The author sees Liberalism as attempt to link the practical necessity of Power with the realization of greatest Life Chances of the greatest number.

He also examines the basis and legitimacy of political Power in contemporary western societies and reasons why the social-democratic consensus which has dominated the developed Western World since 1945 is now losing its impetus, turning out into neoconservative solidarity with neoliberal color.

The author also argues that as the pursuit equality shifts from equality of opportunity to equality of results, the choices available to society, and hence the political life chances of society, are increasingly threatened.

*Key words:* liberalism, neoconservatism, libertism, liberal-democracy, social-state, love-chances.

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### **Evaluation of the Risks as a Perspective Instrument of the Russian Foreign Policy**

D.Pivovarov

In the article devoted to the regional security issues in South East Asia the author analyses the international relations that go closely to the foreign policy and foreign policy strategy problems. He proposes risk analysis as a new and promising method in political science to generate foreign policy plans and analyze international conflicts and problems. The region the author chose is a potential conflict zone. South China Sea is a crossroad of interests of many regional states in South East Asia. To some extent it is a place for competition between the USA and China on sharing sphere of influence in this geopolitically important region.

*Key words:* foreign policy, international conflicts, foreign policy risk, foreign policy strategy, risk analysis, South East Asia, South China Sea.

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### **Political aspects of cooperation between Russia, DPRK and RK**

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Modern political and economic cooperation on the Korean peninsula within the limits of tripartite and bilateral projects and use of possibilities of Russia and two Korea quite corresponds to standards practiced in the world and can update a situation in Northeast Asia to the best for the account, at least, a conclusion of DPRK from Isolation and association of efforts of the Russian Federation and PK for beneficial influence on the North Korean party.

Objective necessity of deepening of economic integration at regional level and settlements of political problems including a nuclear problem of DPRK, has brought on the agenda an attention to the question of creation of the universal and pragmatic organization on the scale of Northeast Asia.

*Key words:* intergovernmental cooperation, NEA (Northeast Asia), Russia, DPRK, Republic of Korea, Korean peninsula, settlement, nuclear problem, hexahedral negotiations, security.

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### **Myth of the unique phenomenon of Islam**

Semed A. Semedov

The article notes that Islam has got a lot in common with Christianity concerning the problems of dogmatism and everyday life. Religions differ not only in the sphere of orthopraxy but mainly in orthodoxy. Both Islam and Christianity are total religions. Political concepts of Islam and Christianity have got rather more in common and less differences.

*Key words:* Orthopraxy, orthodoxy, fetva, Islamic political concept, mahdy, fundamentalism, religion, Christianity, orthodoxizm, Islamism, symphony of power, theology of liberation, Cesarpapizm, quietism.

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### **The US and France in the Mirror of the Iraqi crisis**

A. Filatova.

The article is devoted to the analysis of the complicated US-French relationships during the G.W.Bush's war in Iraq and approaches till the end of J.Chirac's presidential term. Different attitudes, problems of mutual understanding and division during the crisis are noted. Characteristics of reconciliation, including examples of cooperation are shown.

*Key words:* Iraqi crisis 2003, division between the US and France, relations' improvement, US presidential election 2004, features of reconciliation, Iranian issue.

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### **The Restoration of Russia's federal status**

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In his article the author reveals the role of the city of Yaroslavl in the struggle against the Polish and Swedish invaders in the period of the Time of Troubles in 1612. The author explains the reason why Yaroslavl of all others became a strong base, the place where the Russian troop way assembled and (rained under the guidance of Kuzma Minin and Dmitry Pozharsky, the place where the unified Russian government "Assembly of the Land" was convened in order to start the restoration of Russia's federal status. Moreover, the author highlights the severities which Dmitry Pozharsky faced and valorously overcame.

*Key words:* Yaroslavl, Time of Troubles, year 1612, Kuzma Minin, Dmitry Pozharsky, Nizhny Novgorod volunteer army, Yaroslavl volunteer army.

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## **The Problems of Modern Sport**

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The author tries to examine the different ways of sport developments in Russian and analyses different legal acts concerning antidoping measures, sport financing, transfers and so on.

*Key words:* sport, legal documents about sport, antidoping, transfers.

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## **Contention for the CIS energy resources is topical research issue on the West**

E.Voyko

Reviewing the book by the British researcher Simon Pirani “Russian and CIS gas markets and their impact on Europe”, the author opens a question about problems of cooperation between the CIS and the EU. The reviewer mentions that the book is notable for its detailed examination of the empirical evidence that makes a base both for a minute observation of the energy sphere in some post-soviet republics and for the consequences of the policy republican authorities pursue towards national gas fields.

*Key words:* CIS, Central Asia, Russia, European Union, oil, gas, energy resources.

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## **Euroasiatic measuring of the Russian-Chinese relations**

V.Denisov

Reviewing the book written by well-known Russian orientalist professor Luzanin “Russian and China in Euroasia”, the author states that the book contains analysis of Russian-Chinese strategic partnership in security, energetic, economy and transport cooperation in Euroasia.

*Key words:* Russia, China, strategic partnership, ecjnmy, transport, Euroasia.

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