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Basing on a large archival and historical material, the author analyzes conflictology of international relations on the eve of the First World War, the formation and decay of the unions, the war between allies for the colonies, spheres of influence, markets and sources of raw materials in the Far East, China, Afghanistan, Iran, Central Asia and Asia Minor, Arabia, Africa. Draws attention to the difficult situation in Europe, especially in the Balkans, and as a conclusion it is mentioned that that nobody wanted the war, but all of them have been preparing for it.

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*Key words:* the eve of the First World War, Germany, Britain, Russia, France, the Balkans, Austria-Hungary.

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Korean Peninsula's non-nuclear status. Consequently, it is desirable for Russia to focus on holding in Moscow the Middle East Conference for the purpose of creating a nuclear-weapon-free zone there.

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*Key words:* nuclear non-proliferation, Review conference, Non-proliferation Treaty.

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*Key words:* Russian-German partnership, the crisis in Ukraine, A.Merkel, F.W.Steinmeier, sanctions.

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*Key words:* Germany, EU, the Balkans, Eurointegration, foreign policy of Germany.

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countries in the future and it aims to strengthen energy security of the Europe in context of the strategy covering diversification of gas supply routes.

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*Key words:* Russia, Serbia, Balkans, European Union, South Stream, Eurasian integration.

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*Key words:* imperial ideology, «Greek project», Pan-Slavism, theory of official nationality.

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*Key words:* Afghanistan, Hamid Karzai, microhistory, biographems.

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*Key words:* liberation, restoration of the state border controls, the national economy, fight against the nationalist gangs.

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*Key words:* “Operation Bagration”, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Belorussian Front, the 1st Polish Army, “SMERSH”, NKVD.

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*Key words:* geopolitics, empire, civilization, priority management, sociology of imagination.

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