

SUMMARY

SECTION I. MODERN SOCIO-POLITICAL PROCESSES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Expert discussion *The Middle East in the context of a new geopolitical reality*

Abstract: The article presents the reports of the participants of the expert discussion *The Middle East in the Context of a New Geopolitical Reality*, which took place in the spring of 2023 with the organizational support of the *Russian Political Science* journal and the *Laboratory of Humanitarian Projects* autonomous non-profit organization. The discussion was attended by representatives of scientific and public organizations from Russia, Iraq, Syria, India, Switzerland and France. Many experts noted the tectonic changes in the Middle East, which are reflected in the increasing role of China, India and Russia in the region, and the decrease in the Middle East countries' coordination of their policies from the United States. The view was also expressed about the high importance of the Middle East and its spiritual and scientific centers in the formation of a modern multipolar world. At the same time experts noted the high role of science diplomacy as a technology of building communication between different scientific centers and scientists from both the Middle East and other regions of the world.

Keywords: Middle East, expert discussion, multipolar world, science diplomacy.

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The impact of energy diplomacy on Russian-Turkish relations

Abstract: The introduction of anti-Russian sanctions and the termination of cooperation with a number of countries lead to the fact that the implementation of

foreign projects that were carried out by Russia before the crisis events continues at the present time and is becoming increasingly relevant. Being an energy “hub” Turkey is of considerable interest to Russia, which was manifested in the development and start of construction of nuclear power plants. The untested business model and the negative attitude of the public on both sides could not level out the advantages of the Akkuyu, Igneada, and Sinop nuclear power plant projects, the advantages of which extend to the political, economic, and social spheres. All of the above determines the relevance of the topic of this article.

Keywords: energy cooperation, Russian-Turkish relations, energy resources, Akkuyu, Sinop, Igneada.

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Russia's interests in the Persian Gulf

Abstract: The author analyzes the geopolitical situation in the Persian Gulf. The article claims that Russia having its interests in the Persian Gulf, can provide political and diplomatic support in stabilizing the region. Moscow is determined to challenge the influence of the United States, to take on a more active role in ensuring security of the region and restore its status as a great power. The key role of the personality of the President of Russia, V.V. Putin, resonates among the heads of state of the region, while the commitment of the United States to its obligations is increasingly being questioned.

Keywords: Russia, Persian Gulf, Iraq, Iran, Turkey, Syria, USA, Middle East.

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SECTION II. SCIENCE DIPLOMACY

History of science diplomacy: international book exchange

Abstract: The article examines the history of the origin and development of international book exchange. A chronological overview is presented — from the idea of the origin of the international book exchange from the participants of the Republic of Letters (Peiresc, Maren Merenne, Gottfried Leibniz) to the first projects implemented by the French humanist Alexander Vattemar.

The history of the origin, establishment and activity of the Russian Commission for International Book Exchange under the Ministry of Public Education of the Russian Empire is also presented and the stages of discussion and adoption of the Brussels Conventions on international book exchange are analyzed. In the study, the ideas about the international book exchange, which were expressed by the philosopher, the founder of Russian cosmism, N.F. Fedorov, are also analyzed.

The article presents international book exchange as one of the forms of science diplomacy. The author provides illustrative examples of the assistance of Russian diplomats in obtaining rare scientific publications from England and France by Russian scientists, with the publication of copies of documents from the Archive of the Foreign Policy of the Russian Empire of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.

The analysis of rare sources on international book exchange from the Russian State Library and St. Petersburg branch of the Archive of the Russian Academy of Sciences is also presented.

Keywords: science diplomacy, international book exchange, Russian Commission for International Book Exchange, Republic of Letters, Brussels Conventions, Peiresc, Maren Merseune, G.V. Leibniz, A. Vattemar, N.F. Fedorov.

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SECTION III. PROBLEMS OF PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT

Problematic analysis of the terrorist activities of the Boko Haram group in Central Africa and proposals to counter it

Abstract: The purpose of the article is to analyze the counteraction to the terrorist activities of the *Boko Haram* group in Central Africa and the prospects for joint efforts of the states of the region and actors of the world political process in this direction. The current aspects of the emergence and development of the terrorist threat emanating from the *Boko Haram* radical organization on the territory of the states of Central Africa are considered. The methodology of the article includes the historical method and the method of event analysis. As a result of the analysis it can be concluded that effective counteraction to the terrorist threat from Boko Haram is possible only as a result of the concerted efforts of the States of the Lake Chad basin region and the most influential actors of the global political process. Among the means of countering the destructive activities of terrorists, the article notes the need to prioritize interests against danger over considerations of geopolitics and national ambitions of the states of the region.

Keywords: Boko Haram, radical Islamism, extremism, Central Africa, Lake Chad.

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SECTION IV. POLITICAL PROCESSES IN THE COUNTRIES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA

Features of state-building in the present-day Republic of the Union of Myanmar: theoretical and practical aspects

Abstract: The article analyzes the process of state-building in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, which began in February 2021 after the military led by Interim President General Myint Shwe came to power. The evolution of the political regime in Myanmar is a long way, during which the country has tried an open military dictatorship, isolationist practices, "Burmese socialism", a transitional and hybrid regime combining civilian and military institutional elements. The country even went through a period of "Burmese perestroika", with which the democratic hopes of the multinational people of Myanmar were associated, but they did not materialize. The events of 2021 gave the country another historic chance to implement a program of just reforms, the main of which is the cessation of the long-term armed struggle of ethnic separatists and the state-building of the regime of a "disciplined multiparty democratic system with full justice" on new sovereign grounds. The authors of the article compare this

project of state-building with the ideological heritage of the Russian philosophers of the neoliberal school of the early twentieth century (V.M. Hessen, I. V. Hessen, B.A. Kistyakovskiy, P.N. Milyukov, P.I. Novgorodtsev, S.L. Frank, P.B. Struve, etc.) and find parallels with the modern project of a new statehood in Myanmar.

Keywords: Myanmar, military, state-building, sovereignty, disciplined democracy, Russian neoliberal political and legal doctrine.

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SECTION V. ABOUT THE USSR AND RUSSIA IN THE THOUGHTS AND WORKS OF FOREIGN AUTHORS

Russia in the ideas and creativity of Jose Marti

Abstract: In this article dedicated to the outstanding personality of Cuban history, Jose Julian Marti y Perez (1853-1895), an understanding of how feelings and principles nurtured in childhood are revealed in the creative work, journalistic and translation activities of the great revolutionary, has been carried out. The human values and life beliefs to which Jose Marti was faithful and whose reflection he sought and found in the works of Russian writers, artists, and political figures are determined. Such distant country as Russia has become close to the writer in spirit, creative thought, revolutionary ideas, and the patriotic, selfless image of the Russian people, seen and sung by Jose Marti still lives in the Latin American understanding of Russian culture.

Keywords: Cuba, Russia, Jose Marti.

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The image of the "significant Other" in the travel essays of foreigners about the Soviet Union (1920-1930s)

Abstract: This article is devoted to the study of the image of the "significant Other" formed on the pages of travelogues of foreigners who visited the Soviet Union in 1920-1930. The study of the "image of the Other" takes place within the framework of a broader theory and methodology of political discourse analysis, which has significant potential in identifying myths, phobias and ideological cliches that manifest themselves in socio-political discourse and affect the mutual perception of countries and people. It is concluded that travel essays (travelogues) are although atypical but extremely interesting source of information from the point of view of political science, requiring further study. The analysis of the essays allows us to explore the mechanisms of the formation of images of the "significant Other", to fix the emergence of prejudices, stereotypes and political myths in the socio-political discourse, which can eventually be used to combat such prejudices.

Keywords: "significant Other", discourse analysis, imagology, Russophobia, anti-socialism, anti-communism, travel notes.

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SECTION VI. MODERN PROBLEMS OF SCIENCE AND EDUCATION

On the question of the doctrinal foundations and goals of education, upbringing and enlightenment in the Russian Federation

Abstract: The authors of the article proceed from the relevant provisions of the legislation on strategic planning in the Russian Federation, which suggest the need to fill the legal vacuum formed in 2014 as a result of the recognition of the National Doctrine of Education in the Russian Federation that has become invalid without the development and approval of a new version of the national educational doctrine. According to the authors the development of a new doctrinal document in the field of education, upbringing and enlightenment in the Russian Federation can act as a factor contributing to the implementation of the relevant provisions of the Constitution of the Russian Federation, the National Security Strategy of the Russian Federation, the Foundations of the State Cultural Policy of the Russian Federation, the Foundations of state Policy for the Preservation and Strengthening of Traditional Russian Spiritual and Moral Values.

Keywords: basic general education, constitutional duties, presumption of a person's high spiritual potential.

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