REGULATIONS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION *BEST ARTICLE BY A YOUNG POLITICAL SCIENTIST – 2026*

The *Russian Political Science* journal and the Autonomous Non–profit Organization *Laboratory of Humanitarian Projects* announce the ninth International Competition ***The Best Article by a Young Political Scientist – 2026***, which can be attended by both individual young political scientists (under 35 years old) and teams of authors.

The main requirements for the works submitted to the competition are uniqueness and novelty, a scientific approach, and compliance with specified thematic areas.

The deadline for accepting entries is from **November 10 to December 10, 2026.**

The results of the competition will be announced by **December 31, 2026.**

Thematic areas of the competition:

THEMATIC BLOCK I. MULTIPOLARITY AND NEW INSTITUTIONS OF GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

1. Transformation of the world order and integration processes in the Eurasian space. Greater Eurasia as a model of economic and political interaction. Ways to overcome disintegration processes. The role of BRICS, SCO, G20 and other international platforms and associations in shaping the new world order. The influence of individual countries (Russia, China, India) on global regulation.

2. Reform of global governance institutions (UN, IMF, World Bank) and enhance the role of the Global South.

3. Prospects for the adoption of the *Eurasian Charter of Diversity and Multipolarity in the 21st Century* and the future architecture of international security. Interaction of key actors in a multipolar world: Russia, China, USA, EU, India. Ways to overcome international conflicts in conditions of trust deficit: preventive diplomacy and mediation institutions.

THEMATIC BLOCK II. SCIENCE DIPLOMACY AND TECHNOLOGIES FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

1. Science diplomacy: initiatives, projects, organizations and networks. The history and prospects of science diplomacy in the context of the new geopolitical reality. Diplomacy of scientists: features and prospects. The possibilities and limits of science diplomacy.

2. Technological sovereignty and international scientific and technological cooperation. Overcoming illegal sanctions aimed at limiting the technological and digital progress of individual countries.

3. The formation of new mechanisms of economic cooperation: the expansion of the use of national currencies, sovereign payment systems, the achievement of technological sovereignty.

4. The role of transport corridors for international cooperation. The North–South International Transport Corridor, the Northern Sea Route. Russia as a transit hub of Eurasia. Development of transport routes: Russia — China — Southeast Asia, as well as routes through the Middle East and Africa.

THEMATIC BLOCK III. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES IN POLITICS, ECONOMICS AND PUBLIC LIFE

1. Artificial intelligence in the global governance system: new challenges and opportunities for a multipolar world. The role of AI in the activities of international organizations and integration associations (BRICS, SCO). The problems of international regulation of AI and the positions of various countries. Avoiding digital colonialism and technological inequality. International cooperation in the field of AI development and regulation. Ethical aspects and risks of using AI in international relations.

2. Problems of security, privacy and human dignity in the digital age.

3. Government regulation of artificial intelligence and digital platforms. National strategies for the development of AI in Russia and abroad. The interaction of the state and digital platforms. AI in the system of public administration and social support. Regulating the digital environment and overcoming digital inequality.

4. Artificial intelligence in political theory. The impact of digital technologies and AI on the transformation of political ideologies and theories. Ideological interpretations of AI development.

THEMATIC BLOCK IV. SOCIAL ARCHITECTURE, PUBLIC POLICY AND MANAGEMENT IN NEW CONDITIONS

1. Social architecture as a tool of public administration and effective communication between government and society. The role of social architecture in the creation of new forms of state-public interaction. Methods of modeling and designing in the socio-political space. Russian and international experience in building models of social support and communications aimed at increasing public confidence in government institutions.

2. The interaction of government, business and society. Mechanisms of effective relationship between business and political institutions for the purpose of social and economic development. Features of GR-activity in modern economic realities. Legal aspects of lobbying and ways to improve the legislative framework.

THEMATIC BLOCK V. HISTORY, THEORY AND IDEOLOGIES IN A MODERN CONTEXT

1. Political ideologies in the modern world. The role and significance of ideologies for modern society and the state. Stable development as the basis of conservative ideology: problems and challenges at the present stage. The crisis of liberal ideology in the 21st century: prospects for transformation and alternatives.

2. The history of socio-political teachings and political philosophy. Current research on the history of socio-political thought and political philosophy. Theory and history of politics. The politics of memory and the role of history in the modern political process.

No more than one article is accepted from one contestant.

Unpublished manuscripts of articles are accepted for participation in the competition. Articles by young political scientists living in Russia are accepted in Russian. Articles by young political scientists living outside of Russia can be accepted in Russian or English.

The winners of the first degree competition receive:

- publication of a competitive article in the journal "Russian Political Science";
- diploma of the winner of the first degree;
- the possibility of publishing a comment on the topic of the article in the magazine's group on the VKontakte social network;
- the right to join the Expert Council of Young Political Scientists of the journal "Russian Political Science"**.**

The winners of the second degree competition receive:

- the right to publish a competitive article on the website of the journal "Russian Political Science";
- diploma of the winner of the second degree;
- the possibility of publishing a comment on the topic of the article in the magazine's group on the VKontakte social network;
- the right to join the Expert Council of Young Political Scientists of the journal "Russian Political Science".

The winners of the third degree competition receive:

- diploma of the winner of the third degree;
- the possibility of publishing a comment on the topic of the article in the magazine's group on the VKontakte social network;
- the right to join the Expert Council of Young Political Scientists of the journal

"Russian Political Science".

Within the framework of the contest "The best article by a young political Scientist — 2026", a special nomination "***The best team of authors – young Political Scientists***" is being established for articles written by two or more authors. The nomination is aimed at developing collective research and identifying research teams capable of providing applied recommendations on the thematic areas of the competition.

To participate in the competition, you must fill out a questionnaire (the questionnaire form is available at the link), attach an article designed in accordance with the requirements of the journal (the template for the design of the article is available at the link), a photo and an application (its form is available at the link). The article, the questionnaire, the photo and the statement are sent to the editorial office of the journal to the e-mail address: studes@yandex.ru

The evaluation of the articles submitted within the framework of the competition is carried out by an expert commission formed from among the members of the editorial board of the journal, as well as invited experts. Working documents, including expert assessments of articles, are internal documentation of the editorial staff, and are not subject to publication or discussion with the participants of the competition. The work of the expert commission is based on the principles of voluntariness, objectivity, independence and professional competence. Appeals regarding the results of the competition are not considered. A sample and requirements for the design of articles are posted at the link.

The organizers of the contest are the editorial board of the journal *Russian Political Science* and the Autonomous Non–profit Organization *Laboratory of Humanitarian Projects.* In order to implement the competition, the organizers can form a pool of partner organizations that share the objectives of the competition.

The official e-mail of the contest:: studes@yandex.ru
Website of the journal "Russian Political Science: http://rupolitology.ru
The official website of the contest on the Internet: https://rupolitology.ru/konkurs

Appendix No. 1: Article design template.
Appendix No. 2: Application form for participation in the competition.
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Appendix No. 1

Design template: *title of the article*

Annotation. The brief summary of the article, shortly reflects its main content. The total word count should not transcend 1 thousand symbols including spaces. When providing the total word count, please do not take both the title and the annotation into account.

Keywords: up to 7 keywords, corresponding to the main content of the article.

Author

Full Name,
academic degree
position
name of the institution
occupation
(City, country).

The photo

The article content. Only the bibliographic references listed in alphabetical order at the end of the article are allowed; the use of footnotes for bibliographic references is not allowed.

Design of articles

The editors ask authors to adhere to the following basic principles of designing articles.

1. The journal receives articles in Russian and English languages in electronic form, in standard formats of Microsoft Word and OpenOffice Writer text editors (. * .doc, * .docx, * .rtf extensions).
2. The approximate volume of articles - 0.5 author's sheet (15 thousand characters, including blanks), the volume of the article can be increased in agreement with the editorial board.
3. It is necessary to provide metadata in Russian and English languages along with the article:
   3.1. Title of the article.
   3.2. The brief summary of the article, shortly reflects its main content. The total word count should not transcend 1 thousand symbols including spaces. When providing the total word count, please do not take both the title and the annotation into account.
   3.3. Up to 7 keywords that correspond to the main content of the article.
   3.4. For each author:
   3.4.1. Surname, name, patronymic (if available).
   3.4.2. Scientific status, occupation (if available), city and country of residence.
   3.4.3. E-mail address.
   3.4.4. Photo of the author, published together with the article.
4. Only the bibliographic references listed in alphabetical order at the end of the article are allowed; the use of footnotes for bibliographic references is not allowed.
5. Form Contact bibliographic references to the main text - by specifying the number of the source in the bibliography and, if necessary, page citation in square brackets.
   Acceptable designations: [1. - P. 196] [2. - P. 330-332] [3] [4; 5; 7].
6. The use of footnotes is allowed only for highly meaningful notes.
7. Illustrations can be included in the text of the article. All illustrations (including graphic charts and diagrams) are necessarily duplicated by the authors in high resolution separately from the text of the article. The size of images is not less than 3 million pixels.
8. The only acceptable form of highlighting special terms and concepts is italic; it is not allowed to single out whole sentences or paragraphs.

9. There are no tables with more than five columns. In the case of vertically oriented tables with a large number of columns, the authors must transpose them, or, if this is not possible, cut them down or break them down into their component parts.
10. In case of significant discrepancy between the text and the basic principles of registration, the article may be returned for revision to the author or rejected.

Appendix No. 2

Forms of documents for participation in the international competition

The Best Article of a Young Political Scientist−2026

To the editorial office of the journal

Russian Political Science

Statement

Please allow my article "_____" to participate in the international competition The Best Article of a Young Political Scientist−2026.

I have read the terms of the competition. I confirm that I am no more than 35 years old. I agree with the use of the articles and personal data submitted to the competition and with their placement in the public domain for the purposes of the competition.

By submitting an article for participation in the international contest The Best Article of a Young Political Scientist – 2026, I confirm that it has not been published anywhere before, is not offered and will not be offered to another publication until the issue of its publication in the journal Russian Political Science is resolved.

If I win the contest, I grant the editorial board the right to publish my article in the journal Russian Political Science and post it on the Internet.

"__" _____ 2026 _____ / signature /

Name

Appendix No. 3

Participant questionnaire for the international competition
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Chapter	Questionnaire field to fill in	Note / Requirements
1. Personal data	*Last name, first name, patronymic (if available).*	The information is provided in full, as in the identity document.
	Date of birth.	DD.MM.YYYY format.
	Age.	At the time of application submission (participation is allowed for individuals up to and including 35 years of age).
	Citizenship	
	Country and city of residence	
	Contact phone number	With the international code indicated.
	Email address	
	Link to the profile in professional networks	
2. Professional status	*Place of study or work*	The full name of the university, faculty, department, or organization.
	Status	Student (bachelor's/master's), postgraduate student, candidate, young lecturer, independent researcher.
	Course / year of study / year of postgraduate study	
	Academic degree and title	(if available).
	Scientific supervisor	Full name, academic degree, position (for students and postgraduate students).
3. Data on the competitive article	*Article title*	The full name of the material being sent.
	Thematic focus of the competition	It is selected from the list specified in the Competition Regulations.
	Full names of the co-authors	If available (if the article is collective, fill it out for each person).
4. Agreements and declarations	*Confirmation of authorship*	Declaration that the work has not been previously published and has not been submitted to other publications.

Chapter	Questionnaire field to fill in	Note / Requirements
		Example of filling: I confirm that the article has not been previously published and has not been submitted to other publications.
	Consent to publication	Permission to publish the article in the journal “Russian Political Science” in the event of victory. Example of filling out: Yes, I agree.