

EDITORIAL COLUMN

Non-anniversary reflections on sovereignty – 3

The editorial staff of the literary miscellany presents the publication dedicated to the centenary of the First World War, and explain the decision to dedicate this anniversary issue to the problem of sovereignty. In the editorial column the articles of the publication are announced, their connection with the stated theme of sovereignty is explained.

TOPICAL ISSUE

Interview with Giulietto Chiesa

“The beginning World War is not a war for spheres of influence, but for destruction of excess consumers” – 4

The Italian journalist and politician Giulietto Chiesa reflects on the politics of American neocons and makes predictions what international action they might take in the near future. The conclusion about the threats to the world and, in particular, to Russia in relation to the policy pursued by the neocons is made in the interview, and the course taken by the current government of Italy is assessed as well.

SOVEREIGNTY AND DEVELOPMENT

Interview with Vitaliy Tretyakov

“Ukrainian scenario is impossible in Russia” – 26

The Russian journalist, dean of the Higher School of Television of the Moscow University discusses the sense uncertainty of concepts of democracy and sovereignty in relation to the world today. The political regime formed in Russia under Vladimir Putin is analyzed in full details and conclusions on its viability, sustainability and the most likely threats to it in perspective are drawn in this interview.

Elena Ponomareva

The future of sovereignty: scientific discourse and political practice – 44

The article elaborates on the modern concepts of sovereignty, systematizes the perceptions of Western scholars dealing with these issues, as well as political and social figures who were involved in the formulation of the orienting points, in the direction of which, in their opinion, ideas about sovereignty will develop. The likely challenges to the sovereignty in the future are analyzed.

Boris Sokolov

The First World War, the state sovereignty and later harvest – 58

The author assesses the outcome of the First World War and concludes that this global event of the beginning 20th century was the first experience of large-scale disregard of the values of political sovereignty in the history both in the course of the war, and after its end. The article concludes that the world order imposed by the victorious

powers Europe after the First World War provoked the Second World War in many respects.

Vladimir Bliznekov

State sovereignty of Russia – challenges of the past and present – 70

Researcher observes problems in understanding and interpreting the concept of sovereignty, which are currently emerging within the legal framework, and draws conclusions on what threats to the sovereignty of Russia may arise from such a situation. Special attention is paid to the consideration of how the perception of state sovereignty has been transforming throughout the history of Russia.

Maksim Medovarov

On sovereignty, Russian demographics and future Eurasian Union – 82

The article is devoted to the interconnection of problems of state sovereignty and demographic security of modern Russia. It proves that currently there is only a single way to maintain and ensure the sovereignty of Russia which is a union of states, like the newly emerging Eurasian Union. The article lists the countries that could potentially enter into this union.

Vadim Trukhachev

Nothing good comes out violation of the sovereignty – 98

The article provides a brief outline of the historical dynamics of the phenomenon of sovereignty in Europe over the last 100 years. The author considers the basic models of sovereignty that existed during that time, indicates their strengths and weaknesses. The conclusion on the prospects for further transformation of sovereignty in the space of Europe and its possible configurations is drawn.

WORLD MAP AND DEVELOPMENT

Gennadiy Osipov

New social realities: threats and challenges of 21st century – 106

The author lists the most significant current threats to peace and concludes that these threats may be neutralized only with establishing trust-based cooperation between Russia and the United States. A separate part of the work is a philosophical and journalistic essay in which the picture “Mystery of the 21st Century” written in accordance with the metaphorical concept, developed by the author, is examined.

Aleksey Gromyko

Russia and the Little Europe – the problem of geopolitical maneuver – 122

Firstly, the work substantiates the notion of the Little Europe, which is understood as Europe without Russia. Secondly, the centers of forces currently forming in such Little Europe are being considered as possible new poles of integration associations. The author gives the characteristics of such poles and evalu-

ates their integration potential. The role and place of Russia is examined separately in the described processes.

Valentina Fedotova

Pre-Westphalian, Westphalian and Post-Westphalian world order – 128

The researcher analyzes the historical experience of the Westphalian system, which presented the classical model of sovereignty to the world, examines the evolution of the system and the changes which it has recently undergone. Speaking about the prospective schemes of the Post-Westphalian world order emerging now, by its features links with backbone development scenarios, author links its features with arterial development scenarios.

Anatoly Koshkin

Kuril Islands: Japan continues probing – 142

The article examines the history of relations between Russia and Japan in recent years. The author shows how the claims of Japan for the Kuril Islands influenced the policies of different Japanese offices and how they reflected on the general nature of the relations between the two countries. The possibility of a new stage in this relationship on the background of sanctions war against Russia declared by the West, joined by Japan as well, is assessed.

Aleksandr Lyusy

The New Russian Crimea. The new political versions of myth and text in terms of geopolitical risks – 152

The author undertakes the analysis of the Crimea’s incorporation in the Russian Federation in the historical, geopolitical and literary contexts. He concludes that the First World Local War, “politely” launched in the Crimean territory, can lead to irreversible social changes, or may simply get lost in the bypass (north and south) gas “streams”.

Sergey Belkin

World picture and world map – 162

The editor-in-chief of the literary miscellany examines how the problematic of sovereignty may be considered through a variety of special geographical maps. Examples of such maps depicting terrestrial surface in relation to a particular issue are provided. Special attention is given to the map of world reserves of arable land, prepared by the American Research Center *Stratfor*.

PHILOSOPHY OF DEVELOPMENT

Interview with Igor Froyanov

“Russia’s historical experience is a never-ending, centuries-old struggle for its own sovereignty” – 170

Historian shares his thoughts on how the problem of sovereignty influenced the history of Russia, focusing on the period of the Middle Ages. Particular attention is given to the spiritual, ideological and notional sovereignty, value of such sovereignty for the national culture and national identity. It is concluded that the accession the Crimea to Russia was a turning point in its recent history.

Aleksandr Neklessa

World as the sum of interactions. City – national state – geocon – world of communities – 182

The article attempts to show the main trends in the development megasocial subjectness, and to demonstrate the evolution concepts of sovereignty through it. The author shows that this trend will develop in the direction away from the state to the individual human being, which currently accumulates the properties and characteristics which were delegated to the states by the Westphalian system.

Massimo Armellini

I have a dream... Dreams of a European about *EURUSSIA* – 198

The Italian expert examines two possibilities that could significantly improve the relationship between Russia and Europe. The first opportunity occurred in the second half of the 60's and was thwarted by the Soviet invasion to Czechoslovakia. Then the West was responsible for the failure of the second attempt at the end of the era of perestroika, having placed its bet on the disintegration of the USSR. Currently, there are conditions for the third successful attempt.

Svetlana Lourie

How a superpower is reborn. Art of provocation as a sign of foreign policy subjectness – 206

The author analyzes the changes that have occurred in the relations between Russia and collective West, which includes Europe and the United States, from the beginning of the political crisis in Ukraine and on the background of the fighting that is led by the current official Kiev in the east. The article shows how leading world actors exchange mutual foreign policy provocations in the given situation.

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