

D. Dragunsky

The Era of Private Person

In his traditional «Editor's Letter» Denis Dragunsky explores the causes of the growing role and influence of group and private interests in world policy.

A. Kustarev

Monarchy and Revolution: Pavel I and Jesuits

Starting from two episodes of reign of Pavel I, connected with the Maltese Order and Jesuits, Alexander Kustarev leaves on problems of self-identification of the Russian elite, the geopolitical status of Russia in Europe and a role of monarchy in the modernisation and in revolution.

O. Malinova

Discourse about Russia and the «West» in 1920–1930s

Olga Malinova traces evolution of public thought during the period of 1920–1930th. In the centre of author's attention — three models of Russian collective self-identification offered by an official discourse of Bolsheviks and discourses oppositional to it of Russian emigration, such as «Smenovekhism» and «Euroasianism».

D. Ignatiev

«Churchified Paganism»: University as an Image of the World

Denis Ignatiev considers university as an image of the global world. Basing on Scriptus texts, the author traces in his article a way of university from theological to a humanitarian orientation of knowledge.

Y. Zverev

Globalization and the Baltic Sea Region

The major tendencies of the globalization processes in the Baltic Sea region are

being discussed in the Yuriy Zverev's article. The statistical data describing the involvement of the Baltic Sea region countries into these processes are provided. The author particularly focuses on the emerging hi-tech and innovations clusters in the Baltic macroregion.

V. Korneevets

The Concepts of the «Baltic Sea Region Countries» and the «Baltic Sea Region»

Valentin Korneevets analyzes different approaches towards the definition of the Baltic Sea region and argues that the «Baltic Sea region» and the «Baltic Sea region countries» represent two different conceptions. The main statistical data describing the Baltic Sea region countries are provided.

G. Fedorov, V. Korneevets

Euroregions — New Format of Interaction

Gennady Fedorov and Valentin Korneevets discuss the development of the Euroregional cooperation in the Baltic Sea macroregion and focus on the Kaliningrad region within the Euroregions. Authors emphasize a shift from the socio-cultural cooperation towards the joint actions in the framework of Euroregions aimed at the development of the industrial and social infrastructure.

V. Koshelev

Euroregion «Baltic»

Victor Koshelev examines the Euroregion «Baltic», consisting of the regions of Denmark, Sweden, Poland, Russia (the Kaliningrad region) and Lithuania, and the prospective for facilitation of its activities in the future. The author argues for the potential of the joint strategy of the Euroregion «Baltic» development elaborated within the framework of «Seagull-DevERB» project for improving the cooperation process.

V. Kuzmin

Euroregion «Pomerania»

Vladimir Kuzmin analyzes the experience and discusses the perspectives of the development of the Euroregion «Pomerania» (Germany–Poland–Sweden) as an example of international cooperation in the Baltic Sea region.

O. Aleksandrov

The Northern Dimension Initiative: A New Form or a New Concept?

The article by Oleg Aleksandrov deals with the present transformation of the Northern Dimension initiative, which was proposed by Finland in 1997 and then became one of the foreign policy projects of the whole EU. Taking into account the evolving situation in the Russian and the European North, it is interesting to analyze the scope of changes as far as the renewed NDI is concerned and assess the possible future role of Russia as a key partner of EU within this initiative.

M. Szulakiewicz

Borders in the Context of Contemporary Culture

Marek Szulakiewicz argues that the contemporary discussion of the border issues is shifting from the field of political and security relations towards social, cultural and individual spheres. Therefore the problem of borders is observed as the cultural phenomenon. The issues raised by the author include the establishment and opening of the borders, crossing the border, elimination of the borders, etc.

S. Golunov

Foreign Experiences of Border Security

Sergey Golunov tries to classify international experiences of border security considering dif-

ferent patterns of interaction between adjacent countries: one-sided «fencing off», creation of joint border security system, removing border barriers together with the joint management of common external frontiers. In the final part of his work the author considers possibilities to use these experiences in Russian border security policy.

Y. Kosov

Russia and the Trans-Boundary Contacts in the Baltic Sea Region

Yuriy Kosov identifies the peculiarities of the trans-boundary interregional cooperation in the Baltic Sea region starting from 1992 and discusses the role of Russia in this process. The regional international organizations are considered as the institutional mechanisms aimed at facilitation of the cooperation.

T. Palmovski

Bipolar Pattern of Interregional Cooperation

Tadeusz Palmovski evaluates the contemporary conditions and identifies prospects for the bipolar Russian-Polish pattern of interregional cooperation between Tri-City (Gdansk–Gdynia–Sopot) and Kaliningrad.

D. Davidov, T. Chekalina

Kaliningrad: Positive and Negative Aspects of the Exclave Location

Denis Davidov and Tatyana Chekalina discuss the trans-boundary cooperation as the factor and an effective tool for overcoming negative aspects of the exclave location of the Kaliningrad region. Authors consider the exclave as the particular case of the border region. Therefore there is an idea that the provisions of the border regions theory, which is better elaborated than the exclave one, could be applied for this case as well.

E. Spiriajevas
**Tourism as a Factor
of Regional Development**

Edwardas Spiriajevas discusses prospects for the development of the cross-border tourist region in the South-East Baltic area. The territorial groups of tourism clusters are being identified on the basis of different types of impacts on the processes of development of coastal regions and the socio-economic development characteristics.

N. Mezhevich
**«External Economic Policy»
on the Municipal Level**

The peculiarities of the cross-border municipal cooperation are being identified on the basis of the field-studies conducted in 2005–2007 in the Pskov region. Nikolay Mezhevich proposes four models of the cross-border cooperation at the local level: active contacts, passive contacts, «rigid barrier» and «indifference».

I. Zhukovsky
**«The Baltic Dimension»
of Poland's Foreign Policy**

Igor Zhukovsky's article covers the development of the «Baltic dimension» of Poland's

foreign policy starting from the «Second Republic» till nowadays. Special attention is paid to the current (so-called Third Republic) period. Main features and milestones of the Poland's foreign policy in the Baltic Sea region are being analyzed.

O. Gavrilov
**Virtualization
of Business-Systems**

Oleg Gavrilov's article is devoted to modern over-national organisational-legal forms of enterprise activity. On an example of the European company (Societas Europaea) the author shows advantages and lacks of such form of business dealing, and also analyses features of virtual business-systems.

A. Manoilo
**Non-Forced Regulation
of International Conflicts**

In Andrey Manoilo's article four basic approaches to the use of technologies of information-psychological influence on modern international conflicts are considered: Anglo-Saxon (USA, Great Britain, etc.), East-Asian, West-European (Romano-German) and Middle-Eastern (Islamic).