

D. Dragunsky
Growth or Development?

In his traditional «Editor's Letter» Denis Dragunsky suggests that current world financial crisis reflects the end of a long-term «economic period» and the beginning of a «political period».

T. Buzina
Literary Heroes and their Divine Ambitions

The essay by Tatyana Buzina explores the idea of self-deification in Shakespeare as a part of the age-old human striving to go beyond the human nature, and follows its development into the 20th century when going beyond humanity means descending into animality and monstrosity.

A. Bykov
The Information Core of Geopolitics

The information essence of geopolitical processes comes to light in the article by Aleksey Bykov. The historical stages of geopolitics and its modern strategies are considered. Author mentioned that development and transformation of a phenomenon are possible to observe now. The development of new directions such as geoeconomy, geoculture and information geopolitics confirms this thesis.

D. Zamyatin
Imagine Russia

Dmitry Zamyatin stresses that «imaginary geography» used to be a feature of Modernity. In the Post-Modern era, however, the problem remains to be actual, specifically for Russia, where the frontier character of space and its imagination discern it from the European discourse.

O. Bukharova
Authority's «Sacramentation» in Carnival Aspect of Political PR

Olga Bukharova focuses on the mutual relations of a society and authority in Russia. Ana-

lyzing the manner of that sort of communication author draws a conclusion that historically it has sacral character. This allows PR-experts to manipulate not only actions of people but also their will.

V. Sergeev, S. Saruhanjan
The Property on Power Resources and Sovereignty

Victor Sergeev and Sevak Saruhanjan address to the international measurement of a problem of revision of kinds of the property on power resources, proving that this problem is in a greater degree connected with world political, rather than economic processes.

N. Piskunova
Collapse of State: Local Phenomenon or Global Threat?

Natalya Piskunova assesses the ongoing crisis in Somalia in view of political transformations that affected state reconciliation attempts in 1990–2008. Recent emergence of new political entities on the territory of former Somalia demonstrates the primary weakness of state capacity, which provokes a violent long-term internal conflict. State failure in Somalia can be regarded as a threat to the regional security system in the African Horn, as the potential of conflict is not constrained by any state-imposed mechanism.

A. Orlova
Brazil in the System of Modern World Order

Anna Orlova examines the peculiarities of economic, political and cultural development of Brazil that allow this state to apply for more powerful positions in the system of modern world order.

E. Ponomareva
Balkans as a Zone of Turbulence of Capitalism

Changes in the ways of functioning of capitalism, in the spatial configuration of the processes

of capital accumulation have transformed the inner nature of the state. They have also led to major shifts in inter-state relations. Elena Ponomareva argues that the Balkans are a zone of turbulence/«systemic chaos» of the capitalist system. It is precisely this zone where new models of «world hegemony», ordering and governing of political space are being tested.

E. Pinugina

Islamic Identity and a Nation-State

Elena Pinugina tries to find answers to following questions: how national governments in Europe meet the challenge of integration of growing Muslim population; to what extent can democratic institutions be tolerant towards expression of Islamic identity; whether broad presence of Muslim organizations in civil spheres of the EU countries is a threat to basic principles of modern democracy?

Y. Netesova

Policies of the European Countries and Radicalization of Muslim Communities

Yulia Netesova examines the migration and integration policies of the European countries, reveals their common features and national peculiarities, opens the reasons of the formation of the generation of the jihadi who were born and grew up in Europe.

G. Kosach

Movement HAMAS and its Supporters

Grigory Kosach analyzes the issues connected with the HAMAS activity in the period of the second Palestinian Intifadah, which is described as confrontation between the leading Islamic political structure and FATH movement governing in the Palestinian National Administration. The author concentrates his attention on the «portrait» of HAMAS adherent given on the comparison of the «portrait» of FATH supporter.

S. Sevastyanov

Forum APEC: Problems of Efficiency and Prospects of Development

Sergey Sevastyanov suggests that acute contradictions between participants, inability to counter negative consequences of globalization due to institutional and other problems contributed to decreasing APEC influence in the region. Nevertheless, clear focus of the Russian government on developing Eastern Siberia and Far East, while actively using the whole complex of the regional multilateral cooperation institutions and a fortunate opportunity to prepare for and arrange APEC summit-2012, could secure involvement of these Russian territories into North-East Asian integration space.

A. Bulychev

The Factors Destabilizing the Nuclear Non-proliferation Regime

Three factors destabilizing the nuclear non-proliferation regime are being considered in Alexander Bulychev's article: change of a military-political situation in the world results in inability of a number of states to ensure their own security by conventional means; growing level of technology gives to an increasing number of states capability to create sensitive nuclear facilities, which may be used for producing nuclear weapons; «loopholes» existing in the Non-proliferation Treaty of the nuclear weapon allow to create such facilities legally.

Y. Ezepchuk

Bioterrorist Attack on America

Yuriy Ezepchuk examines circumstances of the events in the USA at the end of September – beginning of October 2001, connected with dispatch by terrorists items of mail with activators of the Siberian ulcer. In the center of author's attention — reaction of people, measures of the government, the basic versions of the investigation.