

SUMMARIES

Kondratov A.I. The Foreign Policy Effectiveness of the State as a Theoretical Concept

The leadership of the Russian Federation has recently been showing an increased interest in evaluation of the effectiveness of a state's foreign policy. But this demand can be met only with an elaboration of appropriate theoretical tools. The article proposes an innovative theoretical framework in which the effectiveness of a state's foreign policy is considered to be a derivative from the effectiveness of its main components: foreign policy impact, support, organization and tactics. It identifies main interpretations of the term "effectiveness", makes a distinction between a state's foreign policy and foreign policy-making, and analyses effectiveness of its components. The article identifies a place for a concept of "state's foreign policy" in the conceptual glossary of the theory of international relations, and introduces several new related concepts.

Keywords: state's foreign policy, theory of international relations, impact, result, effectiveness.

Melnikov V.I. Parliamentary Oversight of National Security in the U.S. and Russia: A Comparative Political and Legal Analysis

The article compares the mechanisms of parliamentary oversight of national security in the two states that play a determining role in ensuring global strategic stability – the United States and the Russian Federation. It identifies the specific traits of parliamentary oversight of foreign policy and national security; tracks the evolution of constitutional powers of the legislative bodies in two countries and their checks on the executive, as well as their implementation in policy practice. Special attention is paid to the examination of the ratification process of the New START Treaty signed by the Presidents on April 8, 2010 in the U.S. Congress and the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation.

Keywords: United States, Russian Federation, parliamentary oversight, national security, separation of powers, War Powers Resolution, New START Treaty.

Malashenko O.A. Political and Military Relations between France and NATO: Past and Present

The official return of France into NATO military structures under Sarkozy's presidency in 2009 and its active involvement in the 2011 military intervention in Libya has made an issue of the country's interaction with the Alliance relevant again. The article studies the dynamics of political and military relations between the French Republic and NATO since the creation of the bloc until the present. It identifies the factors that determined General de Gaulle's choice of a special mode of cooperation with NATO and the fluctu-

ations in the combination of continuity and innovation in the policies of his successors. Special attention is paid to the examination of French military forces' participation in NATO operations in 1990s and 2000s.

Keywords: France, NATO, General de Gaulle, military-political cooperation, national security, strategic nuclear forces, military operations.

Baykov A.A. Integration in Europe and East Asia: Models of Expansion

Regional integration has been one of the dominant international trends since the 1950s. It is unfolding in all key corners of the globe. Yet, theoretical expectations of a uniformity of these processes have not been proven by actual experiences. The patterns of the best established integration initiatives – those in Europe and East Asia – are clearly distinct. This distinction manifests itself most vividly in the “expansion paradigm”, i.e. the way in which a geographical expansion of the integration core has been achieved. In the EU, for instance, this has been predominantly a linear process, while in the East Asia the pattern which has emerged is of a succession of setbacks and rapid progress, contractions and expansions.

Keywords: integration, European Union, EU enlargement, East Asia, ASEAN, APEC, East Asia Summit.

Sidorov A.A. At the Origins of the Trans-Pacific Partnership

The current stage of development of the Asia-Pacific countries is characterized by high rates of economic growth coupled with an intensification of the integration processes. The countries of the region are now engaged in negotiations which will lead to the establishment of a new trade grouping – the Trans-Pacific Partnership. The article examines the driving factors behind the emergence of this grouping, as well as the issues of its expansion by means of the inclusion of new countries. Special attention is paid to U.S. participation in these negotiations. The process of establishing the partnership is studied within the context of East Asian regionalism and the changing balance of powers on the Asia-Pacific political arena.

Keywords: Asia-Pacific, Trans-Pacific Partnership, integration process, free trade agreement, regionalism, United States.

Strezhneva M.V. Multi-level Financial Governance in the European Union

Securing the free movement of capital on regional and global markets (negative integration) while deconcentrating means of political intervention in their functioning (political decentralization) conforms with the neoliberal preferences about how financial governance in the European Union should be organized. Harmonization of regulatory norms (positive integration) within Europe is contrary to a liberal ideal because it eliminates competition among national jurisdictions. Since the financial crisis of 2008–2009 some new European legal norms have been introduced which reinforced financial governance in certain spheres of secondary importance. Yet, significant strengthening of market-shaping in the EU banking has not come about, and negative integration remains prevalent in the financial domain.

Keywords: European Union, multilevel governance, financial regulation, positive and negative integration, political decentralization.

Dunaev A.L. Somalia-2011: Humanitarian Disaster Against the Background of a Civil War

The drought of 2011 hit hard all countries in the Horn of Africa. The most affected amongst them was Somalia where hundreds of thousands of people were put on the brink of death from starvation. The article identifies the main reasons why a natural disaster turned into a full-scale humanitarian one. It examines key issues related to aid disbursement and delivery to the people in need, as well as the impact of a humanitarian crisis in Somalia on international affairs in the region.

Keywords: Somalia, Horn of Africa, drought, civil war, “Al-Shabaab”, humanitarian disaster, humanitarian aid.

Garibashvili D.I. Role of the National Assembly Working Bodies in the Shaping of the France’s European Policy (With Example of Ratification of the Lisbon Treaty)

The role of the French National Assembly working bodies has gradually increased throughout the second half of the 20th century and the early years of the 21st century. One of the driving forces behind this increase has been the deepening of European integration which contributed to the fact that the French parliament has acquired new controls over the executive branch’s European policy. The article examines the role of parliamentary committees in the ratification of the Lisbon Treaty and identifies the main points of discord between French political forces, as well as between different branches of power. Special attention is paid to the parliament’s place in the institutional structure of the French Republic at the beginning of the 21th century and the initiatives aimed at the expansion of its authority.

Keywords: France, National Assembly, European integration, parliamentary committees, Lisbon Treaty, parliamentary oversight.

Li Guanqun. “String of Pearls” Strategy in the Context of China’s Maritime Policy

China has been increasingly assertive in promoting its maritime interests. The strengthening of PRC naval power raises concern abroad, predominantly in the U.S., India and Japan. These countries have been particularly attentive to Chinese endeavors in building sea facilities along the Middle Eastern oil transportation routes which were called “string of pearls strategy” by Pentagon officials. The article examines the key Chinese sea infrastructure projects and the way in which they are being seen abroad. It also aims at revealing their real purpose.

Keywords: China, “string of pearls” strategy, maritime policy, Indian Ocean, Strait of Malacca, South China Sea, energy security.

Yakovlev A.I. World Civilizations: Clash or Dialogue?

Book Review of "Partnership of Civilizations: No Viable Alternative"

The reviewed book is a collection of essays by the distinguished Russian scholars and diplomats entitled "Partnership of Civilizations: No Viable Alternative". It was published by the Institute for Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences and devoted to the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The review essay highlights the high relevance of the issues raised in the book which are studied in the context of a strained situation in the Middle East and around the globe in the first decade of the 21st century. It also praises the book for a comprehensiveness of its insights into the fundamental underpinnings of the Western and Eastern societies and their interactions which are thoroughly grounded in history.

Keywords: civilization, clash of civilizations, Islam, extremism, culture, human rights, East and West.

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