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Editors: **Yuri Deriabin**
**Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador, Chief of the
Center for Northern Europe of the Institute of Europe of the
Russian Academy of Sciences**

Natalia Antiushina
**Doctor of Economics, Senior researcher of the Center for
Northern Europe of the Institute of Europe of the Russian
Academy of Sciences**



Book focuses on so called “traditional” northern countries (Denmark, Iceland, Norway, Finland, Sweden) which achieved leading positions in world economy thanks to some high quality dimensions of their development. Authors study different aspects of socio-economic development, formation of information society, innovations, democracy and civil society, problems of military and strategic security, participation of the region in European integration and globalization. They give detailed analysis of the peculiarities of North European model of social and economic development which can be useful for Russia. Northern Europe is of great importance for Russia as one of strategic zone of its national security. Authors investigate the potential risks of instability concerning military-political security because of the US increasing attention to this region, the NATO’s broadening, and possible Finland’s and Sweden’s membership in the Alliance.

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- Authors:** **Marina Arutiunian**
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- Shantal' Kuril'ski-Ozhven**
Professor of Law Sociology, University Paris-10 Nanter (France)



Authors analyze the results of comparative studies which took place in 1993 and in early 2000s. They focus on transformation of teenagers' and adults' images and perceptions on law as reflection of values' and life strategies' changes in the post-Soviet period. Authors come to conclusion that this transformation has gone too rapid. Previous attitudes toward law in general and repressive concept of law in particular are replacing by perceptions on individual rights and civil liberties. These processes spread first of all in the capital and among the youth, including those who live in the capital and province as well.

Besides, authors find that in everyday living Russians continue to prefer "traditional", historically deep-rooted attitudes which were widely spread in the Soviet times. They argue that it is the result of stable images of corruption among judges, state officials, policemen often based on the respondents' experience.

Authors show that the long-termed fundamental transformation should be the result of deep socio-political reforms including formation of the state based on law, trust to legal institutions, public discussion, creation of new traditions, etc.

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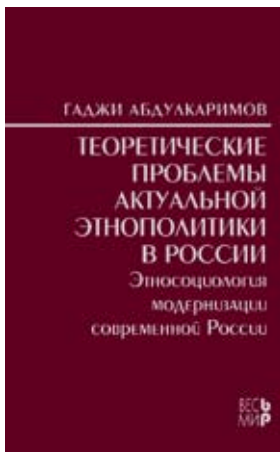


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Author: **Gadzhi Abdulkarimov**
Doctor of Social Science, Representative of the Republic of Dagestan in Sverdlovsk region of the Russian Federation



The monograph argues for one of possible variants of theoretical-sociological background of integration substance and management. That hypothesis requires an appropriate empirical verification and then could be used in contemporary Russian ethno-policymaking.

The starting methodological point for research derives from understanding of society in transition as specific system state in between *chaos* and *order*. Social evolution in that state depends on interactions of different factors, which can promote the strengthening of *chaos* (imbalance, instability, disintegration) as well as establishing of *order* (balance, sustainability, integration).

Author uses a conception of normative value system as a basis for making a model of ethno-socio-cultural integration. In doing so author relied upon and developed some research methodologies including concepts and ideas of T. Parsons, P. Sztompka, S.N. Eisenstadt and E. Shils.

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Editors: **Irina Nediak**
Doctor of History, Senior researcher of the Department for Socio-Political Development Studies of the Institute of Sociology of the Russian Academy of Sciences



This publication is interesting for its multi-dimensional approach to the extremely vexed “marketisation” problem of contemporary political process. This book is rather rare sort of Russian research because it studies theory of political marketing, not its technology. Political marketing is investigated here as interdisciplinary area of knowledge. Author analyzes its theory on double levels as a study of political process through specific “market” point of view and as an instrument of political engineering. Readers have unique opportunity to read comprehensive introductory text into the phenomena of political marketing and its role in contemporary Russian politics.

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Editor: **Vladimir Vernikov**
Historian, journalist, Chief of the Center for Iberian Studies of the Institute of Europe of the Russian Academy of Sciences



The significance of this book is that it is the result of international activities of the Russian and Spanish scholars. The work presents example of cross-cultural approach. The authors focus on the so called *Spanish transit*, i.e. thirty years period of Spain's transformation from dictatorship to civil society and democracy. This period was not easy. Authors analyze the most successful achievements, errors and phenomena of the Spanish Socialist Labour Party and People's Party in economic and foreign policies, party system development, social and cultural life during a quarter of century.

This book is published in the Series: *Old World – New Time* under special project of the Institute of Europe of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Authors of these collective monographs are leading scholars of various generations. They give new Russian approaches to different problems existed in European countries on national, regional and continental levels in the process of deep transformation during last 20 years.

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Editor: **Alla Yaz'kova**
Professor of history, Chief of the Center for Mediterranean and Black Sea region Studies of the Institute of Europe of the Russian Academy of Sciences



Authors consider one of the important and extremely troublesome regions of Europe. The book contains analysis of domestic and foreign politics of newly established countries. Authors define the role and place of the region in European and world communities, characterize its peculiarities in ethnical, cultural and historical development. The most valuable are the chapters about system transformations of the countries of the South-East Europe and their relations with Russia. Authors estimate the prospects of settling region's problems in the context of cooperation with international organizations (OECD, EC, NATO).

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Editor: **Yuri Rubinski**
Professor of history, Chief of the Center for French Studies of the Institute of Europe of the Russian Academy of Sciences



The French studies are of great importance in Russia. This publication is the result of long-term research of French experience and gives the Russian view on the process of changes and reforms which took place in France during last decades. Globalization faces new challenges. France tries to solve difficult economic problems and combine market forces with state regulations. It is important for increasing the economic efficiency, measures of social protection, respect to authorities, national sovereignty, and integration processes. Authors emphasize that successful modernization needs steady dialog of the authorities with the civil society.

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Author: **Alexei Gromyko**
**Doctor of Political Sciences, Chief of the Center for British
Studies, Deputy Director of the Institute of Europe of the
Russian Academy of Sciences**



The author is one of the leading Russian scholars for political studies of Great Britain. His book is devoted to the most important problems of the party system modernization in Great Britain during last 30 years. Author considers not only the leading parties on national level. He is the first among the Russian political scientists who analyses the systems and activities of small local and regional parties. Author examines mechanism of policymaking, parties' structural changes, modifications of their ideological backgrounds, and considers different problems of elections, including dynamics during parliamentary, local, European, and regional elections. He finds the answer on the following question: how parties' activities in Great Britain reply the challenges of developed democratic society, what is the role of party system modernization in this context?

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Doctor of Political Sciences, Chief of the Center for British Studies, Deputy Director of the Institute of Europe of the Russian Academy of Sciences



This valuable publication presents a diverse picture of the life of Great Britain as seen from today's Russia. It covers different aspects related to this country such as the foreign and domestic policies, the economy, the monarchy, the Church of England and other religious communities, gender issues and defense starting with the last quarter of the 20th century and until now. The authors analyze the transformation which took place in the system of international relations including the role of Great Britain in European integration and "special relationship" with the USA. They estimate Thatcherism, its economic achievements, and social consequences which sometimes were unacceptable for the public. The Russian view on British experience in political modernization is of great interest.

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**Alexander Galkin — Professor of history,
Leading researcher of the Institute of Sociology of the
Russian Academy of Sciences**
Anatoly Chernyaev — Advisor of Mikhail Gorbachev



Compiled and edited by Mikhail Gorbachev's advisor Anatoly Chernyaev and professor Alexander Galkin, this volume comprises the period of 1986-1991 and includes about 140 documents: stenographs of Mikhail Gorbachev meetings and discussions with the German, American and European leaders, his interviews, fragments of his advisors' papers and memoirs, some Soviet governmental and Communist Party documents etc. Most of them were not published before and were the part of Gorbachev Foundation archives.

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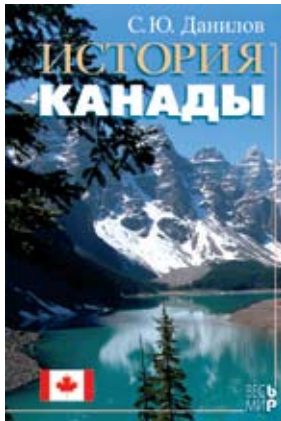
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Author: **Sergey Danilov**
Professor of history



As a Canadian saying goes, «We have too much geography and too little history». Well, perhaps they do indeed have 'little' history, but we know of it even less. You would see this for yourself if you read this fascinating book. Sergei Danilov shows IN WHAT WAY and BY WHAT MEANS the Canadians have been and still are able to combine welfare with democracy and tolerance with strict obedience of laws. It is worth noting here that more than a century ago Canadian society developed a political party system that has been in place almost unchanged to the end of the 20th century. This book is about Canada and the Canadians and about a sovereign state that encourages many hundred thousand immigrants willing to set up house there.

The book will be interesting not only by specialists in the history of Canada and the US but also by all those wishing to learn more about North America.

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Author: **Nikolai Shmelev**
Academician, Professor of economics, writer and journalist, Director of Institute of Europe of the Russian Academy of Sciences



This book by one of the leading economists of Russia and famous public figure is the collection of most important essays about the Russia's economy written during last twenty years beginning from the "perestroika" period. All of them are valuable till today. Reader will learn about great difficulties of Russia's transformation from the system of total regulations in economic, social, and political fields to democracy, liberties, and market relations. The book contains original author's vision of this process and scenario of Russia's development during next 50 years.

This excellent publication would attract attention of economists, political analysts, historians, general public who are interested in Russian economics, politics, and history of the turn of 20th and 21st centuries.

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Author: **Eleonora Kormysheva**
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Ancient Egypt Civilisation existed for over three thousand years up to the early centuries of our era. Unique monuments of its architecture, art and literature that had immense influence on world culture have been preserved to our day. The book tells about the Egyptians' remarkable economic, scientific and artistic achievements, about their written language, customs and traditions, and everyday life on the banks of the Nile. Their beliefs conditioned their way of life and distinctive worldview, inspiring creative thinking. The book pays special attention to the impact of Ancient Egypt's cultural heritage on early Christians. The name of the author, Professor Eleonora Kormysheva, is well known to the international community of egyptologists. Her works invariably attract attention of both specialists and the general reader.

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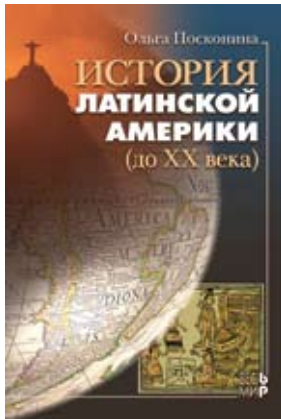


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Author: **Olga Poskonina**
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Contemporary History, Moscow State University



The book represents the main tendencies of historic development of the Latin America since the ancient times till the early 20th century. The author views the multifactoral history of this vast region through the uneasy development of Indian and Iberian civilisations, analyzes their mutual contacts and hostilities, studies the causes of European colonisation. The book is the interesting story on economics, politics, cultural peculiarities of Latin America. The book focuses on the unique character of the Ibero-American civilisation.

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Author: **Vladislav Smirnov**
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Moscow State University**



A lot of books has been written about the Second World War. But the more distant in time it is the more questions are raised by researchers concerning its nature, causes, results and whether it really was inevitable. Humankind has entered the 21st century. New challenges and new problems demand a new approach to the study of major events of the past century. The author offers a comprehensive analysis of Second World War events. He does not sand off the rough edges and discusses conceptions and views expressed by other historians and journalists. The book is packed with facts and supplied with maps and a chronological table. It would be found helpful by students, teachers and military history experts, as well as by all those interested in important turning points in human history.

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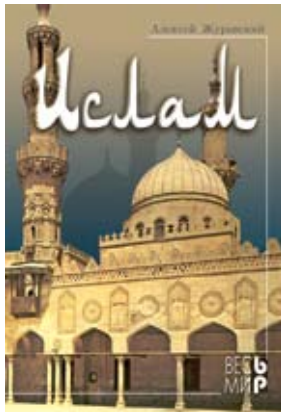
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The book is devoted to the «youngest» of the three monotheistic religions and the second largest in terms of the number of worshippers, Islam. The author tells about basic ideas of Muslim worship; the Koran, the holy book of the Muslims; the Prophet Muhammad; the main branches of Islam; religious law and theology schools; and about the mystic movement of Islam-Sufism. The book is not arranged as a traditional chronological overview, but is built on a problem analysis principle thereby showing the integrity of spiritual content in Islam and the diversity of its cultural and historical manifestations. Aleksei Zhuravsky is a well-known Russian expert on Islam. He compiled a reader *Christians and Muslims: Problems of Dialogue*.

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