

Petr ISKENDEROV**BALKAN ALLIES OF RUSSIA (LATE 19 – EARLY 20 CENTURY)**

Abstract. *In the late 19 — early 20 centuries, the Balkan allies, although they enjoyed the support of Russia, often acted in conflict with its policies, competing and conflicting with each other. Relations with St. Petersburg were complicated not only by the actions of Russia's geopolitical rivals, but also by the instability of the Balkan domestic political context, changes in attitudes and orientations of the Balkan elites. An analysis of the successes and failures of the Russian diplomacy of that time allows us to outline the directions of Russia's actions in the Balkans today. One of the main mechanisms of its strategy should be to work with a wide range of domestic political forces in the Balkan countries, not excluding the opposition.*

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Vladimir KONDRATEV**PROSPECTS FOR GLOBAL GROWTH**

Abstract. *Economic developments in the world are becoming more and more complex and global in their effects. Traditional economic and financial tools are often not enough to help economies recover from downturns. Many countries are facing structural challenges. Shocks are inevitable in market economy, yet, it is important to analyze the consequences of the measures taken, to understand what's the medium and long term perspectives are. Strategic decisions have become most significant.*

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Anton KRUTIKOV**THE PHENOMENON OF JOZEF PILSUDSKI AND THE POLISH INDEPENDENCE CENTENARY**

Abstract. *The personality of Jozef Pilsudski is the most recognizable symbol associated with Poland's independence restoration. The Polish state's history in the 20th century was greatly influenced by the marshal's legend and his political legacy. Attempts to use Pilsudski's ideas and his name in today's politics have become a subject of controversy among both politicians and historians, giving rise to conflicts. Yet, despite diverging views, the main hero of Polish patriotic myth remains, for the majority of Poles, an important component of national identity.*

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