

**V.V. Gagin**

**THE DECISION OF THE COMMANDER OF THE 2nd UKRAINIAN FRONT AND  
THE COMBAT TASKS OF THE AIR FORCE IN THE JASSY-KISHINEV OFFENSIVE  
OPERATION**

The Jassy-Kishinev offensive operation is rightfully considered one of the most effective operations of the Red Army during the Great Patriotic War. Combat aviation played one of the main roles in the victory over Army Group «South Ukraine». The 5th Air Army closely interacted with the troops of the 2nd Ukrainian Front, in every possible way ensuring the combat operations of the ground forces. The combat missions of the Soviet pilots were very diverse: from the prohibition of flights of reconnaissance aircraft of the Luftwaffe on the eve of the operation to the struggle for air supremacy and direct support of the ground units of the Red Army.

This work is devoted to the preparation of the 5th Air Army for the Yassy-Kishinev offensive operation, the planning of combat actions of the «Stalin's falcons» in accordance with the combat missions determined by the command of the Supreme Command Headquarters and the Commander of the 2nd Ukrainian Front.

The breakthrough of the enemy defense, prepared in advance and equipped with powerful fortifications, requires the maximum concentration of the air force in the direction of the main attack. This can be achieved only with a well-oiled centralized control of all air formations.

**Key words:** 2nd Ukrainian Front, 5th Air Army, Army Group «South Ukraine», tank army, direct support of troops, ground attack aircraft.

**T.V. Zhibrova**

**ACCOUNTING RECORDS OF TOBACCO SALES IN VORONEZH AND TAVROV AT  
THE BEGINNING OF THE XVIII CENTURY AS A HISTORICAL SOURCE**

The article is devoted to some pages of the history of the organization of tobacco trade in the south of Russia at the beginning of the XVIII century. The author attempts to examine the accounting records on the sale of tobacco in Voronezh and Tavrov, preserved among the archival materials of the GAVR (State Archive of the Voronezh Region) as a valuable and informative historical source on the history of the economy and everyday life of the region.

**Key words:** south of Russia, tobacco, trade, historical sources.

**A.Y. Zolotarev**

**SOLVING THE PROBLEM OF PRACTICALITY OF THE EARLY MEDIEVAL  
WRITTEN LAW IN MODERN FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIP**

The article deals with ideas of the modern European scholarship on practical use of legislation in the Early Medieval Europe. The author depicts a formation of the problem of its practicality and usability, collection of arguments in favor of its predominant inapplicability in legal practice and a creation of an explanatory model of this feature. Its main element is social environment where legal texts emerged and worked. It could promote or impede a distribution of law-maker's will by means of the written word. This feature of the social environment depended on presence or absence of the Roman heritage.

**Key words:** Early Middle Ages, Western Europe, historiography, legislation, *leges barbarorum*, capitularies.

**A.M. Ipatov, N.A. Zueva**

**THE REASONS OF THE FEBRUARY REVOLUTION OF 1917 IN  
ESTIMATES OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RUSSIAN  
MILITARY EMIGRATION**

The article attempts to study the problem of assessments of the February revolution of 1917 by representatives of the Russian military emigration. Having been scattered for various reasons in different parts of the world, after a while they reflected in their work the attitude to the revolutionary events of February-March 1917, to the abdication of Emperor Nicholas II, to the crisis in the troops.

**Key words:** February revolution, reasons, The Provisional Government of Russia, the **Imperial Army** of Russia, Russian military emigration.

**M.V. Kirchanov**

**THE THEORY OF BALTIC-THRACIAN UNITY IN THE POLITICAL  
IMAGINATION OF LITHUANIAN NATIONALISM AND THE INTELLECTUAL  
HISTORY OF BALTIC STUDIES**

The author analyzes the concept of Balto-Thracian ethnic and linguistic kinship. It is assumed that Jonas Basanavičius became the author of the non-academic theory of the Baltic-Balkan ethnic kinship, attributing Lithuanian identity to the ancient Balkan groups. The author analyzes the attempts of academic revision and criticism of the theory of J. Basanavičius in Lithuanian historiography. The author believes that in the second half of the 20th century, the ideas of J. Basanavičius was partially academized by the works of Ivan Duridanov, and integrated into the ethnic discourse of Lithuanian nationalism also in the texts of J. Statkute de Rosales. The article shows that some of the ideas of J. Basanavičius, on the one hand, were assimilated into Baltic studies, which led to the emergence of a compromise canon based on comparative Baltic-Balkan studies in the works of Vyacheslav Ivanov, V.N. Toporov, O.N. Trubachev. On the other hand, the author believes that some authors (H. Mayer) initiated a revision of the compromise canon, which led to the revitalization of J. Basanavičius' ideas in “Baltoid languages” theory

**Key words:** Jonas Basanavičius, Baltic studies, Indo-European studies, Balts, Thracians, Baltic languages, Paleobalkan languages, comparative studies, Baltic-Balkan parallels

**A.A. Klimov, V.A. Shashkov**

**D.I. PISAREV AND NIHILISM: ON THE QUESTION OF THE INFLUENCE OF BIOGRAPHY ON THE VIEWS OF THE FIGURE**

The article attempts to establish a connection between the influence of life circumstances and the socio-political views of D.I. Pisarev, which have a nihilistic nature. With the help of the analysis of biographical materials and information from special literature, it was possible to establish the determinative effect of the periods of childhood and student life on the worldview of the figure. According to the authors, the key motive of political socialization is D.I. Pisarev became radicalized by parental overprotection of progressive socio-political attitudes acquired during his student years, which he later considered from the standpoint of nihilism.

**Key words:** nihilism, raznochinnaya intelligentsia, raznochinstvo, konovod nihilists.

**N.V. Korataeva**

**INTERPRETATION OF THE ICONIC PERIODS OF L.N. TOLSTOY'S LIFE IN THE  
BIOGRAPHICAL WORK OF A.M. ZVEREV AND V.A. TUNIMANOV**

The relevance of the article is due to the relentless interest of researchers in studying the life path of Leo Tolstoy. Biographers saw and interpreted the fate of the great writer in different ways. The article discusses the book by A.M. Zverev and V.A. Tunimanov "Leo Tolstoy". The subject of the study is the conceptual approach of the author of the book to the figure and biography of Leo Tolstoy.

**Key words:** L. Tolstoy, writer, biography, author, work, genre

**V.D. Kukoba**

**RUSSIAN-LIVONIAN CONFLICTS IN THE EDUCATIONAL LITERATURE OF  
THE FIRST HALF OF THE XIX CENTURY**

The article discusses textbooks as channels for the dissemination of historical information about the Russian- Livonian conflicts.

**Key words:** S. N. Glinka, Prince Alexander Nevsky, Revel, Prince Dovmont, M. P. Pogodin, N. G. Ustryalov, Ivan III, Landmagister of the Livonian Order Walter von Plettenberg.

**S.A. Meganov**

**METROPOLITAN KIRILL AND ALEXANDER NEVSKY: THE UNION OF THE  
SWORD AND THE CROSS**

The article analyzes the uneasy relationship between the Grand Duke of Novgorod Alexander Nevsky and Metropolitan Kirill in the most difficult period of history, at the stage of Russia repelling aggression from the Swedish and German knights in the early 40s. XIII century The role of the Russian Orthodox Church in the formation of the Russian armed forces for the fight against an external enemy on the northwestern borders of our Motherland in the 40s of the XIII century

**Key words:** metropolitan, prince, state power, church

**Z.Y. Nadtochii, M.F. Kiselev**

**AN INSTRUMENTAL APPROACH TO ASSESSING THE  
HISTORY OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR**

The article considers a theoretical and methodological approach to the problem of falsification of history. In the context of information warfare, the past becomes the foundation on which humanity is trying to build a pragmatic future. The task of the present is to assess the negative consequences of such interference not only from a scientific, but also from a civilizational point of view. Based on concrete examples of the analysis of the World War II, the article concludes about the politicization of this complex historical period.

**Key words:** historical revisionism, political technologies, falsification, manipulation of consciousness, World War II, patriotism, national and state interests.

**O.G. Nekrylova, A.B. Malyutin**

**ORYOL PROVINCE IN THE 1920s: SOCIAL AND DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS**

The article examines the socio-demographic structure of the population of the Oryol province in the period of the 1920s. The analysis of statistical databases made it possible to show changes in the size and composition of the province's population by sex and nationality, the dynamics of birth and death rates, as well as the impact on the change in the demographic situation of the political and economic consequences of the events of the early XX century.

**Key words:** History of Russia, Oryol province, NEP, all-Union population censuses, socio-demographic structure, population

**V.S. Podbereznyaya**

**AWARD SHEETS AS A HISTORICAL SOURCE**

The article analyzes the award lists of the Great Patriotic War as a historical source, considers the changes in the form of award lists during the war. An attempt has been made to identify trends in changes in award documents. To illustrate the conclusions, the author gives some of the most vivid descriptions of the manifestation of the feat.

**Key words:** award lists, historical source, award system, Great Patriotic War, USSR.

**S.V. Popova, V.V. Chuchupal**

**RUSSIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE EPOCH OF PETER I  
RELIGIOUS TRANSFORMATIONS: HISTORY LESSONS**

The economic development of Russia in the 17th-18th centuries was based on the gradual destruction of the natural form of management, along with which commodity production, both small- and large-scale, was gaining momentum (associated with the emergence and development of large manufactories). An important development factor that creates opportunities for economic stability in the future is the creation of the mining and metallurgical industries. There was a rapid growth of the domestic (all-Russian) market. The reforms were carried out at the expense of the economic and administrative autonomy of the church. Therefore, Peter I sets the task of eliminating it and reducing the number of clergy.

**Key words:** church reform, economic transformations, industry, economic development, patriarchate, absolutism.

**Y.D. Razuvaev**

**REVIEW OF PALEOSOIL RESEARCHES ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL  
MONUMENTS OF THE EARLY IRON AGE IN DON FOREST STEPPE**

The article systematizes information on paleosoil and palynological studies that have been carried out in the last four decades at 34 archaeological monuments (20 hillforts, 4 unfortified settlements, 10 mounds) dating back to the 6th century BC - V century AD. Data on the type of the studied buried soils, paleolandshatic and paleoclimatic reconstructions are presented.

**Key words:** forest-steppe Don region, Early Iron Age, archaeological monuments, paleosoil studies

**V.A. Rusikov**

**EQUALIZATION TO THE FEAT (BY THE 110-TH ANNIVERSARY FROM BIRTH TWICE  
HERO OF THE SOVIET UNION FYODOROV EVGENIY PETROVICH)**

The article is devoted to the combat and life path of Twice Hero of the Soviet Union Yevgeny Petrovich Fedorov, who made a significant contribution to the history of Long-range aviation and the victory of the Soviet people over nazi Germany during the Great Patriotic War.

**Key words:** Long-range aviation, bomber pilot, crew, combat missions, bombing, twice Hero of the Soviet Union.

**V.N. Ryapolov**

**"BELORIZTSY"– DISAPPOINTED HOPES OR THE WAY TO NOWHERE**

The article is devoted to the history of the origin, existence, mystical experience and disappearance of the Russian mystical sect of the Belorizians.

**Key words:** Orthodoxy, Church, mysticism, sect, white clothes, adept.

**Y.V. Seleznev, V.S. Bityukov**

**THE INVASION OF THE BURUNDAI AND THE BATTLE OF KOIDANOV**

The article examines two Lithuanian-Horde conflicts, which, according to some researchers, due to the similarity of the names of the two Mongol commanders, are part of one military clash.

**Key words:** Burundai, Balaklay, Daniel, Vasilko, Koidanovo, Skirmunt, Schwarn, Bykhovets Chronicle, Ipatiev Chronicle, Gustyn Chronicle.

**V.V. Teplukhin, A.V. Knyazev**

**NODAL PROBLEMS OF RUSSIAN HISTORY AT THE BEGINNING OF THE XX  
CENTURY**

The article analyzes the nodal problems of the history of Russia at the beginning of the last century, namely agrarian and labor issues. The authors emphasize that much of their study was not as unambiguous as it was believed in Soviet historiography. Being complex and contradictory phenomena, these issues caused various reactions among contemporaries, and their unresolved issues greatly influenced the fall of the monarchy in Russia and the country's plunge into the abyss of revolutions and civil war.

**Key words:** The Russian Empire, the agrarian question, the workers' question, indecision, contradictions of development, revolution.

**O.D. Fedchenko**

**BATU'S INVASION OF RUSSIA: BATTLE OF THE CITY AND THE SIEGE  
OF KOZELSK**

The article examines the events of 1237-1238 in Ancient Russia. On the basis of ancient Russian chronicles, the route of Batu's campaign to North-Eastern Russia is being recreated. The site of the battle near the Sit River, where the Mongols defeated the squad of Prince Georgy Vsevolodovich, was localized. The path of Yaroslav Vsevolodovich from Kiev to Vladimir is shown and an analysis is given of why he did not have time to help his brother - the Grand Duke of Vladimir George. It is explained that it was Yaroslav's approach that forced the Horde people to abruptly change the route and not go to Novgorod. It is suggested that about 15 thousand Mongolian horsemen took part in the campaign to North-Eastern Russia. Russian princes were able to field 2-2.5 thousand soldiers in three main battles. The tactics of the Mongols' campaigns have been determined: rotation of the tumens during the advancement, siege and storming of cities. Historical documents and the logic of the development of events indicate that the siege of Kozelsk took place in the fall of 1238 during Batu's campaign to the upper Poochye. The route of this trip was reconstructed.

**Key words:** Rus, Batu, Ryazan, Oka, Yaroslav Vsevolodovich, Alexander Nevsky, Georgy Vsevolodovich.

**G.I. Shishlyannikova**

**LOST ELEGANCE OR THE HISTORY OF FASHION IN RUSSIA IN THE CONTEXT  
OF RUSSIAN HISTORY AT THE TURN OF THE XIX-XX CENTURIES**

The article examines the main historical events of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, in particular, the growth of the economy in the early twentieth century, the defeat in the Russian-Japanese war, Russia's entry into World War I, the economic and political crisis of 1917 and the abdication of Nicholas II. In the context of these historical events, the main stages of fashion development in Russia are analyzed. It should be noted that this topic is rare for Russian historiography, since the history of fashion as a whole has been studied less than all other spheres of Russian society, and the fashion of pre-revolutionary Russia is even less. Special attention is paid to such styles as modern.

**Key words:** modern, decadence, revolution, World War I.

**A.I. Shushlebin**

**THE MILITARY-POLITICAL SITUATION IN KHAZARIA IN THE IX  
CENTURY**

The article examines the evolution of the military-political situation in Eastern Europe in the Khazar era. The stability factors that existed in the Khazar khaganate are highlighted. The analysis of the process of political destabilization in the Khazar Khaganate in the IX century, its causes and consequences is carried out. Archaeological evidence of these events is considered.

**Key words:** Khazars, Pechenegs, Magyars, Khazar Khaganate, Saltovo-Mayak culture, Right-bank Tsimlyanskaya fortress, Semikarakor settlement.

**Y.V. Vlasova**

## **PROBLEMS OF CREATIVE AND MATERIAL PERSONALIZATION**

The article analyzes the features of material and creative individuality. The concept of «individualized personality» is considered. The author comes to the conclusion about the interconnection of material individuality inherent in the Western paradigm of society and the concept of alienation associated with it. The era of antiquity did not use the concept of personality, focusing only on individuality. Whereas the emergence of Christianity contributed to the emergence of the concept of personality. Existential philosophy, which arose as a direction in the West, nevertheless, addresses the solution of a person's problems through the prism of his participation with other people. The article substantiates the proposition that the foundations for the development of intellectual individuality, a new dominant of the modern world, have been laid in Russian culture.

**Key words:** material individuality, intellectual individuality, existential philosophy, alienation, postmodernity, Western culture.

**A.V. Pogorelsky**

**FRG-US RELATIONS DURING THE PRESIDENCY OF D. TRUMP**

Over the past decades, relations between Germany and the United States have been based on close ties in the fields of politics, economics and security. The basis of these relations has always been the close coordination of the foreign policy of both countries at the highest levels. The election of Donald Trump as President of the United States was an important turning point in German-American relations. His moves, such as moving away from international agreements, escalating rhetoric towards North Korea, distancing himself from the free trade agenda and ignoring post- World War II institutions such as NATO and the EU, ran counter to Germany's multilateral foreign policy model and a particular focus on diplomacy in conflict management.

**Key words:** Federal Republic of Germany, United States of America, German-American relations, German foreign policy, D. Trump.