

Summaries and keywords

EDITOR'S WORD

Makarenko V.P. Controversial Issues of Political Conceptology

Summary: This article analyzes the key problems of political Conceptology. The author defines the subject and the main approaches to concept studies proposing the basis for synthesis of conceptualism and theory of political criticism. Moreover, the concepts of spiritual & political evil as well as ideas of intracultural absurdity and surrealization of Soviet Marxism are actualized in the article. Finally, the main tasks of political Conceptology are formulated.

Keywords: concept, conceptualism, theory of Political Criticism, spiritual & political evil, intracultural absurd, surrealism.

COMPARATIVE STUDIES OF HIERARCHIES

Denisov S.A. The End of History is Postponed Indefinitely

Summary: Initial thesis of the article is the claim history of mankind follows the law of unity and struggle of opposites. According to the author, in the last two centuries, this law has appeared as a struggle for the monopoly of domination, namely as a struggle between two types of social systems (civilizations) — civil (private-owner) and administrative (bureaucratic). The article deals with the basic characteristics, values and goals of the two systems as well as with the history of their origin and development perspectives. In conclusion, the author shows the explanatory potential of the approach he has suggested, using examples from recent history.

Keywords: civilization, social system, civil society, bureaucracy, market, private property.

Shkuratov V.A. Anton Chekhov and Michel Foucault: Russian Hard Labor or Western Prison?

Summary: In the article, on the example of two works - A.P. Chekhov's "Sakhalin Island" and M. Foucault's "Discipline and Punish" - the concepts of disciplinary institutions and practices are compared. The author clarifies the content, ideological and stylistic point of intersection in the mentioned concepts; moreover, the similarities and differences in individual biographies of the mentioned authors are analyzed, and the specificity of penal practices in the history of Russia and Europe is revealed. As a result of conducted analysis, M. Foucault's conclusion on the universality of 'life-prison' formula in the development of modern European man is questioned.

Keywords: A.P. Chekhov, M. Foucault, disciplinary society, penitentiary system, life-prison, power-knowledge.

Obolonskiy A.V., Barabashev A.G. On the Concept of Personnel Changes in the Government: Two Views

Summary: The paper presents two positions on the personnel changes in the government. The authors note several problems which actualize the reforming the Russian bureaucratic system: proliferation of the state apparatus, the low quality of services with a parallel increase in the cost of the officials, the huge size of corruption, etc. All these shortcomings taken in their totality transform the bureaucratic system as apparatus of state services into a real threat for Russian society. The authors offer their vision of reforming the Russian state apparatus.

Keywords: bureaucracy, state apparatus, corruption, de-nomenclaturization, civilian control, technology of public-private contracts.

TOWARDS THE 90th ANNIVERSARY OF M.K. PETROV**Petrov M.K. The Cumulativeness Phenomenon of Scientific Discipline**

Summary: The journal "Political conceptology" publishes the paper written by the well-known Russian thinker Mikhail Konstantinovich Petrov. This article focuses on the cumulativeness of scientific discipline, namely on the successive accumulation of scientific knowledge and the products of scientific activities. The article is published for the first time.

Keywords: Science of science, M.K. Petrov studies, disciplinarity of scientific knowledge, cumulativeness of scientific discipline.

Mezhuev V.M. From the Philosophy of "Thaw" Period to the Philosophy of "Stagnation" Era

Summary: This article analyzes the differences in the specificity of philosophizing during the "thaw" and "stagnation". By the example of the philosophy of E.V. Ilyenkov and M.K. Mamardashvili, author shows that during the "thaw" period the philosophy was supposed to comprehend the social and historical being of man, while in "stagnation" period the soviet philosophy gives up the public and political life, focusing on metaphysical issues. This was one of the main reasons for the inability of modern Russian philosophers to eliminate the recurrence of Stalinism and myths of false notions of socialism.

Keywords: Philosophy, Russian Marxism, E.V. Ilyenkov, M.K. Mamardashvili, "Thaw", "Stagnation".

Makarenko V.P. Little-studied Aspects of M.K. Petrov's Works: Notes by Student and Reader (Article One)

Summary: The article deals with little-studied aspects of the M.K. Petrov's work: influence of Hegelian dialectics on the modern science and science policy as well as on the social responsibility of individuals, and on the epistemological crisis of the present.

Keywords: Science of science, M.K. Petrov studies, gnosiological crisis of the present.

REVERSE PERSPECTIVE

Shnirelman V.A. Whether the Ethnocentrism Disease is Curable? About some Research Experience in Construction of Images of the Past — Answer to my Critics

Summary: The article deals with the influence of ethnic emotions on the activities of historians. The author explores the dynamics of constructing the images of the past; in addition, the confrontation points between different images of the “ancestors” as well as the relationship between major political events and new turns of “memory wars” which are accompanied by rewriting history were analyzed.

Keywords: mythologizing history, social memory, politics of historical knowledge, social history of science, memory wars, ethno-ideology.

Malinova O.J. The Problem of Politically Suitable Past and Evolution of Official Symbolic Politics in the Post-Soviet Russia

Summary: Based on Bourdieu's concept of symbolic struggle, the author examines the political use of the collective past as one of the elements of symbolic politics of modern Russian state. The analysis concludes that the practice of political use of the past, in the discourse of ruling elite, was formed ad hoc following logic of legitimizing policies.

Keywords: symbolic politics, social memory, politics of historical knowledge, the political use of the past.

Chaiko I.V. Problems in the Study of Regime Transformation, or Neopatrimonial Alternative to Transitology

Summary: The article considers the necessity of revision of the basic theoretical and methodological approaches, used in the science, for the study of political regimes. The leading place among them belongs to structuralism and modernization theory, synthesis of which became the basis for transitological theories developed in the 70-90-s of XX century. The other paradigm became widespread in modern political science, consists of new institutionalism and theory of rational choice, which are focusing on the strategies of political actors. Today, Max Weber's theory and neo-patrimonialism are an alternative to such approaches, and that allows to interpret the regime transformations from the standpoint of man's «life-world» and historical experience of groups. Critical analysis of mentioned approaches as well as elucidation of their scientific potential and application possibilities are the main subjects of this study.

Keywords: democracy, political regime, transitology, patrimonialism, transformation.

SMILES AND GRIMACES MODERNITY

Chukin S.G. Ontological War of Jonathan Littell

Summary: Based on the analysis of the novel by Jonathan Littell "The Kindly Ones", the author raises the moral issues of war, trivialization of violence, and personal responsibility. As suggested by the author, war and similar social catastrophes are caused by the de-ontologization of life,

dominance of cognitive and value relativism, normative disorientation of individuals. Finally, it is speculated about future specification of the normative as well as about contextualization of discussions on value issues.

Keywords: ontology, war, trivialization of violence, collective guilt, universal morality, emotivism, value relativism.

Pavlov A.V. Slavoj Žižek pervert the Ideology

Summary: The author comments on the political and philosophical context of Slavoj Žižek's interpretations of ideology in cinema. The author shows the inconsistency and naivety of Žižek's marxism as a consequence of virtualization of his criticism of capitalist society as well as a result of the rejection of a real political struggle.

Keywords: ideology, cinematograph, popular culture, postmodernism.

BOOK SHELF

Savchuk V.V. Topological reflection (Part III)

Summary: The Journal "Political conceptology" continues to publish the book by Valery Savchuk "Topological reflection." As suggested by the author, a common argument in the literature, according to which reflection has lost its explanatory potential, indicates a crisis of reflection of the classical type. At the same time, the revival of research interest in this topic actualizes a new type of reflection - the topological one. The author proposes the following classification: empirical, logical, transcendental, and absolute reflection, then, rejection of reflection as a method of attainment of truth in the post-structuralist paradigm, and, finally, the emergence of a new type of reflection, namely topological one. Characteristics of topological reflection are given in the article. As an example, a series of case studies are cited, which have a topological reflection as their methodological basis: the peculiarity of archaic consciousness, the phenomena of terrorism and nihilism, performance art and photography, communicant's art as a product of mass communication.

Keywords: reflection, topology, archaic consciousness, nihilism, terrorism, performance, photography, mass communication.

Kolesnikov E.V. Bureaucratic Management of Science

Summary: This article is a review of the book written by L.G. Berlyavsky "Legal Regulation of Science and Research in the Soviet Union (1917-1941) (Moscow: Yurlitinform, 2012. 320 p.).

Keywords: science policy, legal regulation of research activities.