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GLOBAL STUDIES ENCYCLOPEDIA

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This volume is the first encyclopedia in the world dedicated to the problems of globalization and to the basic trends of global development. It has been prepared by a large international group of authors (278 people) in both English and Russian editions and contains about 430 entries reflecting the most significant achievements in the field of global studies accumulated within the last 30 years in Russia and abroad.

This publication appears in a period of worldwide attention to the process of globalization, the consequences of which are universally significant and potentially dangerous. Since the 1960s the world scholarly community has been involved in studying these consequences. As a result, a new broad interdisciplinary field of studies emerged – global studies – embracing achievements of many disciplines exploring globalization and those global problems, crises, and contradictions that it engenders. The scholarly literature on this topic is vast; heated discussions headlined in scholarly periodicals and mass media are held. At the same time, neither in Russia nor abroad can one find encyclopedic and analytical books covering the basic theories, concepts, and trends in global studies, containing the newest facts about the changes occurring, the organizations and persons involved, etc. This publication is designed to bridge this gap.

Another reason for publishing this distinctive encyclopedia is the fact that although extensive research in global studies is being conducted in many countries of the world, this work is, in fact, not coordinated globally. The academic ties among scholars working on the same tasks in various corners of the planet are far from being satisfactory. To change this situation, 278 scholars from 28 countries (*Russia, the United States, Canada, China, India, the United Kingdom, Germany, Japan, Israel, Turkey, Mexico, Ireland, Iran, Finland, Switzerland, Greece, Australia, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Poland, Serbia, the Ukraine, Belarus, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Armenia, Kyrgyzstan, Estonia*) were invited to take part in the preparation of this volume. They represent social, natural, and exact sciences and approach the problems of globalization from the perspectives of ecology, economics, political science, culture studies, law, and other disciplines. There are also politicians, social activists, and governmental officials among the contributors. The full list of authors may be found at the end of the volume.

Effective coordination of the work of this large international team, including selection of terms and entries and simultaneous editing of the Russian and English volumes within a short period of time (less than two years), was possible due to the use of the newest technologies of interdisciplinary cooperation of scholars and other specialists. These technologies include virtual communication, e-mail, the Internet, and participation by the authors in academic communities and organizations that contributed to spreading the initial information about this project.

All entries are signed and selected on the basis of competition specially for this publication. Preference was given to articles reflecting the new directions and methods of research, dealing with the new fields of knowledge, and formulating unresolved problems along with evaluating their significance and demonstrating the prospects for their theoretical and practical solution. Most of the entries reveal the origins of a term; some are accompanied by a reference list composed of the most valuable and up-to-date publications on the problem in question. Unfortunately, it was impossible to publish all the references suggested by authors.

Since articles were selected on a competitive basis, some important entries may be composed of articles by two authors and more. This allows scholars across countries and disciplines to approach one topic from various viewpoints providing a stereoscopic and polyphonic vision of the most complex issues. Some contributions include statistic data, tables, graphs, and pictures submitted by authors or taken from the other respected sources.

The high scholarly quality of this publication was achieved thanks to the efforts of the Editorial Board uniting influential and well-known Russian and foreign scholars, many of them being full and corresponding members of the Russian Academy of Sciences and other academies, as well as prominent politicians and leaders of some of the largest Russian and international organizations, academic communities, and governmental bodies. All of them contributed full-length articles written specially for this volume.

The entries are situated in alphabetical order. They fully reflect twenty basic directions in contemporary global studies formulated clearly in the process of making this Encyclopedia. The vocabulary structure of the volume is unprecedented in Russian and foreign literature. It is a result of intense creative work not only by the editors, but also by the whole interdisciplinary international team of authors whose members contributed on the topics of their specialization. To assist readers in finding a needed term, the terms are classified in accordance with the basic research fields in global studies.

The Encyclopedia has been composed and published by TsNPP 'Dialog' with scholarly and methodological support from the Russian Philosophical society and the Russian Ecological Academy and with the participation of an international non-governmental organization 'Concerned Philosophers for Peace' and the Paideia Project of Boston University (U.S.A.). This also made this publication not only a reliable reference book but a guide for future explorations of the basic development trends in the contemporary world.

We think that the Encyclopedia will find its devoted readers in Russia and abroad and that its dissemination in many countries of the world will contribute to promoting academic cooperation, political dialogue, and mutual understanding among nations having different values, traditions, and beliefs. It is intended for both academics and the general reader; it may be useful for people of various ages and occupations.

We express our gratitude to the members of the Editorial Board, to the editors and authors of the Encyclopedia, as well as to the translators and operating staff – to all who contributed their knowledge, experience, and skills into the preparation of this volume.

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JOURNAL OF GLOBALIZATION STUDIES

CALL FOR PAPERS

Journal of Globalization Studies is a new international journal that will be published from 2009. The leading subjects of publications will become the following:

- theory of globalization;
- economic, political, social, ecological, scientific-technical, cultural, religious, ethic and other aspects of globalization;
- global problems of modernity;

- the analysis of problems of non-Western states in the context of processes and problems of globalization;
- global studies: urgent questions of philosophy and theory of history;
- the human problem in the light of problems of globalization;
- futurological aspects of global studies etc.;
- civilizations and globalization;
- the processes of globalization in history;
- philosophic aspects of globalization.

Journal of Globalization Studies calls for papers for general issues. The first issue is planned to be published in the second half of 2009, so the submission deadline is May 1, 2009. For the detailed guidelines, please, contact Editors: Prof. Leonid E. Grinin, Volgograd Center for Social Research, lgrinin@vistcom.ru; Prof. Alexander N. Chumakov, Institute of Philosophy of RAS – chumakov@iph.ras.ru; Prof. Andrey V. Korotayev, Russian State University for the Humanities – korotayev@mail.ru

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Social Evolution & History (SEH) is a semiannual international journal that serves the needs of all scholars seeking an understanding of how human societies developed in the past and continue to develop in the present. The Journal has been published since 2002. The Journal acts as a forum for debate about key issues and concepts in the field, challenging and re-examining the boundaries of the search. As well as original research articles, the journal includes critical notes and a book review section.

The Journal's aim is to contribute to the integration of such fields of knowledge as anthropology, history, sociology, and also philosophy and theory of history. Such integration has been lacking until now, though its necessity has long been felt acutely by the academic community. In the current situation of continuously increasing knowledge and professional endeavor, any attempt to introduce new methods of integrating facts with social theory, and to establish interdisciplinary links, would appear to be especially valuable.

Social Evolution & History calls for papers for general issues. We invite submissions from persons interested in the integration of such fields of knowledge as anthropology, history, sociology, and also philosophy and theory of history. SEH welcomes papers that will encourage and enhance academic debate from international new and established scholars.

For the detailed guidelines, please, contact Editors: Prof. Dmitri M. Bondarenko, Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies – dbondar@hotmail.com, Prof. Leonid E. Grinin, Volgograd Center for Social Research – lgrinin@vistcom.ru, Prof. Andrey V. Korotayev, Russian State University for the Humanities – korotayev@mail.ru

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Interdisciplinary Almanac

CALL FOR PAPERS

Dear Colleagues,

these days few would deny the importance of interdisciplinary research. One of the most fruitful areas of interdisciplinary studies – where representatives of natural, mathematical, and social sciences can find a common ground – is the study of evolution. For this reason we wish to announce a project that hopefully will bring together the various scholars in this field. One of the most effective ways to do so is by organizing a series of interdisciplinary publications.

We intend to publish an interdisciplinary almanac titled *Evolution*. Within the framework of this almanac we intend to publish articles that study various forms of evolution (including macroevolution as its particular aspect), evolutionary processes, trends, mechanisms, and the peculiarities of each category. Our experience of applying the ideas produced through the study of one type of macroevolution (*e.g.*, biological macroevolution) to that of another type (*e.g.*, social macroevolution) suggests that this approach should be very productive. It is also possible to consider macroevolution as a single process. Within this approach it is important to understand which general laws and rules describe this process, even though the operation of those laws and rules may vary significantly in different cases, such as cosmic, geological, biological, or social. That is why we consider it important to analyze the evolution of inanimate nature, of animate nature, and of society as consecutive, yet co-existing, forms of macroevolution.

We wish to encourage a very wide spectrum of themes, from Big History to particular issues of evolutionary theory in biology and the social sciences. A few possible issues can be outlined, but the list below is no way exhaustive: 1) comparisons between different types of evolution, including cosmic, chemical, biological, and social; 2) ‘Big History’ issues; 3) history of evolutionary theories; 4) particular issues of evolutionary theories with respect to a given field (or the intersection between two different fields – for example, ethology or biochemistry); 5) other issues, including the macroevolution of languages, culture, cognition, etc.

We are looking forward to receiving your comments, suggestions, and views on the idea of the proposed Almanac – and also your articles.

There are no formal word limits for submitted articles.

The submission deadline for the first issue of the Almanac is February 1, 2009.

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