

# International Affairs

VOLUME 56

NUMBER 2, 2010

## CONTENTS

### GOLDEN COLLECTION

---

**Croatia: Ten Years of Change** *Stjepan Mešić* 1

### WORLD ISSUES

---

**The CIS in 2009: Achievements, Issues, Prospects** *A. Denisov* 11

**President Obama: A Year in the White House** *M. Bragin* 23

**OSCE: A Time for Change?** *A. Azimov* 32

**The Model of China's Integration Into the Global Economy** *D. Kouzmine* 41

**The Korean Nuclear Problem** *M. Sharko* 57

### EDITOR-IN-CHIEF'S COLUMN

---

**Did Stalin Want to Join NATO?** *A. Oganesyanyan* 67

### ENERGY AND GLOBAL POLITICS

---

**Iraq: A Key Section of the World's Energy "Solar Plexus"** *Yu. Shafranik* 71

**Russian Natural Gas and Global Energy** *A. Medvedev* 78

**Why Is Russia Opting Out of the Energy Charter?** *A. Konoplyanik* 84

### ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

---

#### **BRIC as a New Form of Multilateral Diplomacy**

*L. Kadyshchev, N. Kosolapov, P. Kuprikov, A. Makushkin,  
L. Okuneva, A. Orlov, I. Timofeev, A. Schetinin* 97

---

## COMMENTARY AND ESSAYS

---

<b>Russia and the “Great Recession”</b>	<i>E. Shadrina, Lúcio Vinhas de Souza</i>	113
<b>Copenhagen-2009</b>	<i>T. Avdeeva</i>	130
<b>Russia’s Image in the German Media</b>	<i>I. Kravchenko</i>	146
<b>Priorities in Modernizing Russia’s Diplomacy</b>	<i>V. Likhachev</i>	157
<b>Historical Politics or Politicized Memory</b>	<i>A. Dyukov</i>	165

---

## RUSSIA AND OTHER NATIONS

---

<b>Vietnam: Pages From the Past, a Look Into the Future</b>	<i>Pham Gia Khiem</i>	177
<b>Indonesia: A History of Ups and Downs</b>	<i>M. Galuzin</i>	182
<b>Mexico: “The Potential of Our Relations Is Very Big”</b>	<i>Lourdes Aranda Bezaury</i>	193

---

## INTERVIEW

---

<b>Holy Places of the Holy Land</b>	<i>S. Stepashin</i>	201
-------------------------------------	---------------------	-----

---

## RUSSIAN WORLD

---

<b>Moscow Is the Heart of the Russian World</b>	<i>Yu. Luzhkov</i>	206
---	--------------------	-----

---

## OPINIONS

---

<b>Yalta, February 1945: Beginning of a New World?</b>	<i>M. Narinsky, A. Dugin, V. Oleandrov, I. Panarin</i>	210
--	--	-----

---

## HISTORY AND MEMOIRS

---

<b>He Was Equal to Suvorov</b>	<i>A. Vorobiev, N. Vorobieva</i>	220
<b>Russia and Finland in 1917-1920</b>	<i>L. Molchanov</i>	228

---

## BOOK REVIEW

---

<b>A. Kh. Vezirov. <i>My Diplomatic Service</i> (in Russian)</b>	<i>B. Piadyshev</i>	238
--	---------------------	-----