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In the author's opinion, as a result of the European integration process, we may be once more returning to an Europe of regions, from which national states originally emerged. Only a combination of supranational unity and regional pluralism will enable us to build up the cosmopolitan attitudes required to cope with integration in the West, disintegration in the East and the pressure of immigration from other continents.

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Since the collapse of the Soviet empire, Russian political leaders of all tendencies have reached a consensus about the necessity of redefining "national interests". The present study analyses the new political currents in this question. The author's conclusion is relatively optimistic: intelligent nationalism invites Russia to cure her numerous ills, without bothering the surrounding world; aggressive nationalism probably will prevail.

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The author, starting from the old liberal conception regarding freedom and equality, studies the multiethnic societies. He is looking for liberal solutions to the national problem. In the author's opinion, returning to the historical liberalism can't be a response to the current problems of Central Europe. For this reason, he supports the idea of a state of associate nations.

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