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Some features of Russian foreign policy tradition

Some features of Russian foreign policy tradition have been considered. Approaches of specialists have been offered. Russia had the characteristics of empire. Territorial dimensions of the empire were incomparably greater than any of the European countries. Russian foreign policy had sought to respond to events, and not to form them. Russia later took to the stage of European politics. Great Britain and France had already passed the stage of consolidation at this time. Russian foreign policy was characterized by integration imperatives that contribute to the pursuit of the accession of lands within the Eurasian space. Periods of integration

(attachment of land to the imperial center) alternated with disintegration (loss of previously acquired lands). The cycles of integration and disintegration in various ratios interacted with the modernization of society of the empire. Accession of lands is done through a cultural impact and bet on the local elite. For their subsequent merger with the imperial center used methods of military, political, ideological, demographic or socio—economic impact. The integration was carried out under the conditions of semi—peripheral position of the empire in the world capitalist system, and within the autarkic union.

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