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## Kryzhanovskaya O.A., Petrova S.V. Geoethnopolitical processes on the Caucasus and the role of Russian Federation in it

In article the basic features of geopolitical processes in Caucasus and a role in them the Russian Federation are considered. As a methodological basis use new methodological construct – geo- and ethno-political culture which influences judgement of a role and a state place in a geopolitical reality, belief and psycho-emotional experiences about it, formed of representations about perspective directions of geopolitical development is offered. Specified construct is used for an explanation of the political processes occurring in Caucasus. As factors of influence of the Russian Federation on a geopolitical situation on Northern and Southern Caucasus, which correspondent with the modern processes occurring in Russia as it is a link in this geopolitical region are considered. Questions of influence of other geopolitical players – Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and the unrecognized states – Abkhazia, South Ossetia and Nagorno-Karabakh are partially mentioned.

<u>Key words</u>: geopolitics, geo- and ethnopolitical culture, Caucasus, Russia, power, political processes.

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