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THE END OF THE “END OF HISTORY” OF THE POST-SOVIET PERIOD OR THE UKRAINIAN-EUROPEAN ANSWER TO RUSSIA’S DESIRE TO RESTORE THE IMPERIAL STATUS AND THE QUASI-BIPOLAR WORLD

ABSTRACT

The statement about the “end of history” of the American researcher F. Fukuyama based on the fragmentation of the bipolar system of the world order in the confrontation of classical capitalist and socialist economies and democratic and authoritarian political systems¹.

Until recently, despite the growing economic power of the Asian Tigers, political and military potential of China and consolidation of Russia, the question of the bipolar confrontation being back on track was seen as rather hypothetical. However, the recent actions of the Russia’s President Putin aimed at the destruction of the Ukrainian statehood and restoration of the authoritarian Russian Empire changed it into practical issues and created new challenges for the EU, Ukraine and the entire world.

Key words

Ukraine, the EU, the Russian Federation, the Ukrainian-Russian crisis, the Crimean issue

In order to understand the origins, current status, consequences, and ways of overcoming the “Ukrainian crisis”, artificially created by Moscow, let’s turn to the course of events over the last six months.

The vast majority of Ukraine’s citizens regarded the signature of the Association Agreement with the EU as gradual positive changes in their daily lives.

¹ Ф. Фукуяма, *Конец истории?*, “Вопросы философии” 1990, No. 3, pp. 84–118.