
EDITORIAL

Dear readers,



You have the opportunity to get acquainted with the second issue of the journal ‘Historia provinciae – the journal of regional history’. In this issue, we widened the space-time coordinates, although it was devoted mainly to the contemporary European history. In the centre of the publications is the person: an ordinary citizen, a politician, a government leader, a prisoner of war..., being engaged in their activities necessary both for themselves and the country, or even those who were in forced labour for the new masters, as in the article of the historian from Germany Elena von Klitzing.

History cannot remain unchanged. It flows following the time or is interpreted in accordance with the new demands, approaches and assessments of the past. Helmut Kohl was called a ‘provincial’ behind his back, meaning his origin, ‘rural’ habits and personality traits. However, this ‘provincial’ man in due time became the ‘chancellor of German unity’ and is now amongst the German state leaders along with Bismarck and Adenauer. Paul Hirsch also lived ‘in time of trial’, about which the Belorussian historian Mikhail Strelets narrates. However, despite his ethnic origin he succeeded as well, as the outstanding Prussian politician in the key region of Germany of the time.

In the article of the famous historian from Kemerovo Oleg Terekhov, another German is referred to – Oswald Spengler, whose ideas, were they implemented, would change the course of time for Germany. Professor of Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences Tatyana Labutina is writing practically about the same, reconstructing the political history of England of the new time. “Influence of the parties, behind which were standing the classes-proprietors who won in the Glorious Revolution of 1688–89, – as she maintains, – became so perceivable in the life of the society that it was practically impossible to imagine the ruling of the country without their participation”. And are we not witnessing now that these parties, although in a different time, decide the fate of Great Britain by exercising Brexit whilst leaving the European Union? The material published in ‘Historia provinciae’ are complemented by the reviews of E. Dobrovolsky and O. Smirnova on the relevant published monographs. In the section ‘Chronicle of scientific life’, there is some information relating to the scientific conference held in 2017 in Lipetsk, devoted to the honour of the well-known Russian historian A.I. Boroznyak, where B.V. Petelin, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Professor of the Department of History and Philosophy at Cherepovets State University was one of the participants.

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