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7 Searching for the Right Path: «It seems that the new developments unfolding in the world, the things that affect people’s minds, are not finding any response. Or if they are, the response is superficial; it does not take into account the seriousness of the transformations. The question is, how to bring together the new and the traditional? How to find the right path, in state policy and editorial policy alike?” – writes Irina Mironova, assistant to the editor-in-chief of Security Index.

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11 Anatoly Antonov: «The situation with missile defense is the litmus test that will soon demonstrate whether the sides are ready for effective cooperation» – If we accept that the Reset in Russian-US relations has been completed, does that mean that the irritants and differences in our military-political relations have disappeared? The answer is that the differences still remain. Anatoly Antonov is Russian Deputy Minister of Defense.

Key words: New START treaty, nuclear disarmament, high-precision weapons, missile defense in Europe, Russia–NATO.

15 Rose Gottemoeller: «The New START Treaty – a continuation of successful history and a victory for both sides» – the New START treaty has clearly become a new stage in the development of relations between the United States and Russia. What is the main difference between the new treaty and its predecessors? What are the nuances of the ratification procedure? We have put these questions to US Assistant Secretary of State Rose Gottemoeller.

Key words: ratification of the New START Treaty, history of US–Russian arms control talks.

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21 Anatoly Anin, Rodion Ayumov. CFE – Yesterday, Today... Tomorrow?... – The year 2010 saw increased efforts to find a way out of the continued crisis with the Conventional Forces in Europe Treaty. Europe and Russia need a new conventional arms control regime in equal measure. Arms control experts offer an analysis of Russian and NATO approaches to the CFE regime and some conclusions about its prospects.

Key words: history of CFE talks.
Victor Sumsky. Why Russia Was Not a Member of EAS, and Why It Is Now Being Invited to Join – Why, despite all the contraindications, are we still being invited to join the East Asia Summit, along with the United States, which had until recently expressed no interest in membership? The director of the ASEAN Centre in MGIMO analyses this question.

Key words: East-Asian regionalism, ASEAN, China, United States, Russia and East Asia region.

Yuliya Nikitina. The CSTO and the SCO as Models of Regional Security Cooperation – Many nations pursue the strategy of participating in regional organizations and cooperation platforms whose objectives and membership are very similar. That enables them to conduct a diversified foreign policy of balancing between the interests of the great regional powers. Yuliya Nikitina is a researcher at the Center for Postsoviet Studies and a professor at MGIMO.

Key words: regional security, CSTO–SCO.

Svetlana Klyuchanskaya. Prospects for Strategic Cooperation Between Russia and Southeast Asian Countries – Cooperation between Russia and Southeast Asian countries in areas such as arms trade, nuclear energy, space and nanotechnologies plays a very important role. Given the right approach, relations with countries in the region could not only bring Russia financial gain, but also spur the development of its science and technology. The author is a researcher at Tomsk State University.

Key words: Southeast Asian countries, Russia, military and technical cooperation, nuclear energy, space, nanotechnologies.

Kirill Barsky, Alexey Borodavkin, Mikhail Galuzin, Aleksander Lukin, Vyacheslav Nikonov, Armen Oganesyan, Vladimir Orlov, Alexander Panov, Vadim Pestov, Victor Sumsky, Georgy Toloraya, Alexander Vorontsov. Russia's Foreign Policy in the Pacific – What are the outcomes of Russia’s policy of integration into the Asia Pacific region in 2010? What is preventing Russia’s integration into the regional context, and what are the problems that need to be resolved to facilitate productive cooperation with countries in the region? These and other issues were discussed at a round table hosted by PIR Center in cooperation with the International Affairs journal.

Key words: Russia, Asia Pacific, regional problems.

Alexander Nikitin. Russia's Participation in International Peacekeeping and Prospects for Its Reform – There are several increasingly divergent models of international intervention during conflicts. This is having a serious impact on Russia’s participation in peacekeeping operations. Aleksander Nikitin is the director of the Center for Political and International Studies and a professor at MGIMO.

Key words: collective operations, intervention by regional organizations, narrow and broad definition of peacekeeping.

Vadim Kozyulin, Galiya Ibragimova. Afghanistan: What Lies Ahead and What It Means for Russia – The United States and the EU are now completely mired in Iraq and Afghanistan. The two countries are gobbling up enormous resources, producing fresh examples of mind-boggling waste and leaving next to no hope of any constructive new projects being launched. Meanwhile, Barak Obama has already set the date for the beginning of the
pullout of coalition troops from Afghanistan: July 2011. Vadim Kozyulin is the director of the Conventional Arms Project at PIR Center; Galiya Ibragimova is a researcher at the University of International Economics and Diplomacy in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

**Key words:** pullout of coalition troops, Al Qaeda, the Taliban.

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**Key words:** natural and manmade disasters, Middle East, Korean peninsula, strategic stability and nuclear safety.

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**Key words:** NATO Strategic Concept, New START treaty, missile defense.

140 **Dmitry Evstafyev. A View by a Russian Conservative: Chronicles of Announced Deaths** – And so it has begun. Hardly anyone will now deny the fact that the long-promised new world dis-order has finally arrived. It came suddenly, just as every new historical era comes. The spring that had been accumulating tensions for years has sprung.

**Key words:** WikiLeaks, Middle East, New START treaty, Central Asia, new world order.

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**Key words:** V.S. Semenov, history of arms limitation talks, work of the Soviet delegation.

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**Key words:** theory of asymmetric conflict.
Maksim Bratersky. Honestly About Politics? — Unlike the Americans or Europeans, Russia will forever remain Iran’s neighbor. If military action against Iran fails, the Americans will board their ships and go home. Russia will not have that opportunity, so it is much more mindful of the possible consequences. The author is the deputy head of the Chair of World Politics at State University – the Higher School of Economics.

Key words: Iranian crisis, US policy on Iran, Russian policy on Iran.

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Yury Gusev. Drugs: Another Threat to Russia’s Security.

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