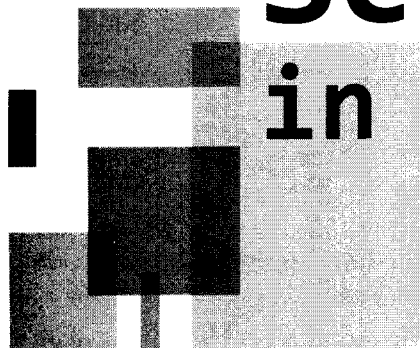


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## The Development of Political Science in Modern Russia

**Summary:** The present article gives a detailed analysis of the state of political science and trends of its development in modern Russia in the last decade. The author faithfully celebrates the successes and notes challenges of higher professional education in the universities of the country, basing on the statistical data. The chapter shows the relationship of political science with external factors: the nature of political processes, policy, education, level of professional training of scientists and teachers, etc. and presents the detailed analysis of the main directions of development of political science research in the country. Specifics of network organization of joint research projects between scientists from different regions of Russia in the Russian political science Association are also included. The leading political science journals, enjoying well-earned reputation in the scientific community are described. The bibliography includes the most interesting works published in recent years. The author is candid about the breakthroughs and challenges of the Russian political science.

In Russia the tradition of teaching political science at institutions of higher education began in the XVIII century. The Department of Policy was established in the structure of Moscow University in 1755 at the suggestion of M.V. Lomonosov. The Faculty of Moral and Political Sciences as part of the University of Moscow produced specialists in the field of politics and political economy from 1804 to 1835. In St. Petersburg State University special political science subjects were not given in the XVIII century, but there were courses on "Natural Rights and Practical or Moral Philosophy." Start of Political Science in this educational centre was laid by the rector of St. Petersburg State University M.A. Balug'iansky (1819–1821). There were the faculties and departments in other Russian universities, in Tsarskoye Selo Lyceum, in St. Petersburg Pedagogical Institute, where political science was given; master's theses in political science were defended. The infamous "case of the professors of the St. Petersburg State University" (1821), when the master teachers' staff faced persecution for "freethinking" and attempt to present that the power is not from God, but the

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