

Abstract

The concept of the Soviet people has always been a part of the Soviet political myth, nevertheless during the existence of the USSR its meaning had been changing substantially. The subject of research is transformation of meaning of the concept of the Soviet people during de-stalinization process after the 20. Congress of CPSU under Khrushchev, where that concept has got an ideological importance in construction of Soviet state of law and in the same time has stayed a significant part of the Communist political religion. It was about both need for socialist legality and promise the current generation will live in Communist society. Research will be focused on ideology of Communist regime as political religion. The subject of the thesis will be practical changes in institutions, laws, politician's speeches and public space as consequences of usage of the new concept of the Soviet people, which was spared from substantial link with Stalin's class struggle theory and class conflicts.

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