

Abstract

This work addresses the beginnings of Soviet policy towards the Middle Eastern countries Afghanistan, Persia, and the Ottoman Empire/Turkey between 1917 and 1921. The author addresses the manner in which Soviet leaders formed their perceptions of the Middle East and the place and role assigned to the countries in question by Soviet leaders. At the same time, the work investigates how real Soviet policy towards the countries mentioned above was formulated, what the aims and motivations of the policy were, and the factors which influenced its formulation and realization.