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**GENESIS AND ESSENCE
POLITICS AS A SOCIAL AND CULTURAL PHENOMENON**

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Abstract. Geopolitics is a product of European culture, as the place of origin and development is just continental Europe. There are allegations that geopolitics takes its origins from the political geography, which in turn evolved from an independent academic discipline of geography. Of particular interest in geographic space influence the behavior of great powers manifested during the two world wars and the Cold War – sharpening confrontation between the USSR and the USA. In the twentieth century. In terms of transformation of the new world order and the rise of a clash of national interests of leading powers, geopolitics took a special place in the methodological analysis of international relations.

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