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Russia and Globalization: Identity, Security, and Society in an Era of Change, Douglas W. Blum, ed. Washington, DC/Baltimore, MD: Woodrow Wilson Center Press/Johns Hopkins University Press, 2008. 383 pp. \$60.00

Russia and Globalization: Identity, Security, and Society in an Era of Change, edited by Douglas W. Blum, a professor at Providence College and an adjunct professor at Brown University's Watson Institute of International Studies, assembles an impressive array of scholars specializing in fields as far ranging as demography, human rights, and geopolitics. This breadth is one of the book's great strengths, but also one of its biggest weaknesses, as it prevents the authors from adopting a consistent understanding of globalization.

The book is divided into two sections, one covering domestic policy and the other foreign policy. Both sections feature contributions from leading scholars at universities in the United States, the European Union, and Russia, with Russian scholars penning seven of the book's thirteen substantive chapters. The individual chapters are generally of high quality, and some, such as Alla Kassianova's essay (chap. 6) on the Russian defense industry or Eduard Solovyev's examination (chap. 11) of the "geopolitical"...

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In Russia and Globalization: Identity, Security, and Society in an Era of Change. Blum, D.W., Ed. Woodrow Wilson Center Press, 2008. (pp. 207-232). Crises in the Eastern bloc. Evolution of the Soviet collective security policies. Brezhnev's foreign strategy for East European allies. Readings. Brezhnev L. (1968) Speech by First Secretary of the Soviet Union. In International Relations and Security Network. 13 November 1968. 10. The movement aims to promote all aspects of the national security and traditional moral values. It opposes the attempts to impose a "new world order" and the disastrous unification, which might result in the emergence of a single

mega-totalitarian world state. The Anti-globalization Movement of Russia supports countries and peoples who are opposing the dictates of a unipolar world and seeking an alternative agenda. The movement advocates for the development of international cooperation and solidarity – as opposed to the principle of the “all against all” competition – with respect for other pe Globalization transcends cultural, social, political, and economic borders and then paves the ways for the appearance of a new world order in the peripheral regions (e.g., the Middle East countries). Exploring the relationship between globalization and identity in the Middle East is of great importance, since the crisis of identity in this region hasn't been always the side-product of globalization; the political elites of the Middle East, however, have had a noticeable part in regulating the relationship between the internal and external events. The conference “Individual and Society in the Global Era” covers diverse aspects of currently topical themes that, directly or indirectly, engage with a person, as well as with society and civilization they belong to. Conference date: 28 February 2018 Location: Novosibirsk, Russia Editor-in-Chief: Elena Evgenieva Zorina Organizer: Assotsiatsiya naychnykh sotrudnikov “Sibirskaya akademicheskaya kniga” (ANS “SibAK”) [Association of Research Scholars “Siberian Academic Book”] Published: 25 April 2019 ISSN: 2518-668X. Statement of Peer review. Individual and Society in the Global Era.