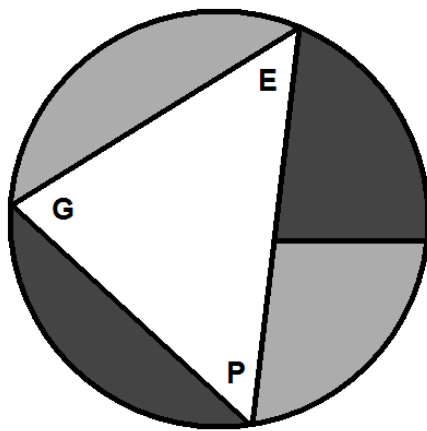


Situating Ethnogeopolitics and Reflecting upon its Developments

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This short exposé is a precursor and 'teaser' of a much more elaborate discussion by the author on the evolution of Ethnogeopolitics as a multi-faceted and multidisciplinary field of studies, which will appear soon in this journal.



Ethnogeopolitics is a new concept, indicating an emerging multidisciplinary field of research. Ethnogeopolitics is a type of Geopolitics in which in addition to traditional political, strategic and economic factors, attention is paid also to cultural factors. Association for the study of EthnoGeoPolitics and its journal *Forum of EthnoGeoPolitics* intend to offer a venue for relevant research papers, analytic discussions and debate, and hence contribute to the development of Ethnogeopolitics as an academic (sub-)field.

Association for the study of EthnoGeoPolitics is not affiliated with and does not necessarily endorse the ideas of certain streams of thought, such as those of Russian ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy and his associates (who write the term with a hyphen, i.e. Ethno-geopolitics).

However, Russia—and the Post-Soviet Space in general—is undeniably an important area of the world where ethnogeopolitical thoughts and policies have been prevalent. Ethnogeopolitics and ethnogeopolitical analyses are fairly close to “subversive Geopolitics” and particularly close to the French school of “*Géopolitique Interne et Externe*” of Yves Lacoste and his associates. Nevertheless, a typification of Ethnogeopolitics remains the subject of its further development as a (sub-)discipline which needs to be discussed more elaborately.

Reflecting upon, discussing and debating about the current developments of Ethnogeopolitics as a (sub-)discipline are among our journals' prospective goals. Therefore, we welcome contributions of policymakers, thinkers and scholars from all relevant academic (sub-)disciplines, and invite them to contribute to its development.

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