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Russia as a civilizational formation: parameters of socio-philosophical study

The key parameters of studying the civilizational specifics of Russia are investigated. Two components of civilizational originality are identified – institutional and value-normative. It is shown that the institutional component is represented by a historically reproducible pattern of the defining role of state power. It is argued that Russia, in its civilizational parameters, does not demonstrate cultural patterns of the classical Asian or Eurasian type. It is concluded that the institutional and value-normative civilizational characteristics of Russian society are constant, i.e. practically unchanged throughout historical periods.

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