

SUMMARIES OF ARTICLES

History

Darchieva S. V. The Political Struggle of Parties in the North Caucasus during the Election Campaigns into the State Duma of Russia (1907, 1912) // *Izvestiya SOIGSI*. 2012. Iss. 7 (46). P.5-15.

Keywords: State Duma, Tersky region, liberal parties, RSDLP, Mensheviks, Bolsheviks

The political parties' activities in the North Caucasus during the election campaigns to the State Duma of the 3rd and 4th convocations are analyzed in the article.

Tsorieva I. T. The Ossetian Studies in Historical Retrospection // *Izvestiya SOIGSI*. 2012. Iss. 7 (46). P.16-27.

Keywords: Ossetian studies, humanities, North and South Ossetia, research activities

In the article the historical retrospective sight on the development of the Ossetian studies from the end of XVIII-XX centuries is presented. The author observes the formation of scientific institutions and specialists in the field of humanities and social sciences in the North and South Ossetia, finds out the main directions and results of the research activities.

Folklore and Ethnology

Darchieva A. V. Batraz the Ant (on One Motif of Narta Epic) // *Izvestiya SOIGSI*. 2012. Iss. 7 (46). P.28-39.

Keywords: ant, transformation, Narta epic, Indo-European mythology, Vedic mythology

The article deals with the motif of turning of the Narta hero Batraz into an ant. It reveals the mythological content and genetic relationships in other Indo-European mythopoetic traditions.

Neykova R. G. Ethno-Cultural Parallels between the Volga Region and the Balkans-Caucasian Territories (on Folklore Funeral and Memory Rites) // *Izvestiya SOIGSI*. 2012. Iss. 7 (46). P.40-65.

Keywords: ethno-cultural parallels, the

Balkans, the Volga Region, Caucasus, folklore, burial facilities

The article deals with the ethno-cultural parallels between the Volga Region and the Balkan-Caucasian territories. The folk materials (part of which was collected by the author) reveal the ethno-cultural contacts and parallels among Bulgars, Chuvashes, Balkars, Ossetians/Alans, etc., in early and late medieval times, as well as in the late folk tradition. The analysis of the rite components reveals their old Indo-Iranian and Indo-European character and origin.

Besolova E. B. On the Overall-Caucasus Substrate in the Ritual and Folklore Life of Peoples of the North Caucasus // *Izvestiya SOIGSI*. 2012. Iss. 7 (46). P.66-78.

Keywords: ritual text, folklore and ethnographic traditions, work songs, ritual dance, ritual, ceremonial imaging of the deceased

The article states that the ritual life of the North Caucasian peoples, belonging to different language families, has much in common in religious ideas about objects and natural phenomena. There is folklore and ethnographic convergence of genetic, typological and contact kinds, studying of which is important for understanding and identifying the spirit and essential characteristics of the formation of «indivisible cultural world» in the North Caucasus.

Problems of Methodology

Fidarova R. Y. Methodology of Research of the Problems of Ossetian Explicit Aesthetic History // *Izvestiya SOIGSI*. 2012. Iss. 7 (46). P.79-89.

Keywords: spiritual culture, genetic essence of art, creativity, aesthetic categories, artistic image

The article proposes some principles of methodological approach to research of the Ossetian explicit aesthetic history. The stages

and periods of the Ossetian explicit aesthetic history are revealed. The possible ways and principles of the analyses of stages and periods of the aesthetic history of Ossetians in the XIX-XXI centuries are presented.

Historical Portraits

Chibirov L. A. Valdemar Pfaf – V. F. Miller's Predecessor in the Academic Ossetian Studies // *Izvestiya SOIGSI*. 2012. Iss. 7 (46). P.90-96.

Keywords: V. B. Pfaf, Ossetians, ethnographic Caucasology and Ossetian studies, feudalism, public law

The article deals with the scientific biography of outstanding scientist of the 19th century, researcher of the Caucasus V. B. Pfaf, who has put in essence the base of ethnographic study of the Ossetians. The legacy of the scientist, whose individuality is not yet known completely, does not lose its actuality and importance in the academic spheres up to nowadays.

Karpov Y. Y. Alexander Nurid: a Mountaineer on the Service of Empire // *Izvestiya SOIGSI*. 2012. Iss. 7 (46). P.97-106.

Keywords: Russian Empire's political his-

tory, North Caucasus, management organization specificities, social views of the Russian administrators/

In the article on the example of the state-administrative activities of an individual person – Alexander Nurid – the specificities of the Russian Empire's management of the North-Caucasian territories in the second half of the 19th century are considered. The activity of A. Nurid as a chief of the Ingush and then Kabardian districts of the Tersky region is connected with the implementation of significant transformations in the social life of the population of these territories. The person of A. Nurid is also remarkable due to the fact that while holding these posts he has clearly shown his civic position concerning the mountaineers, which in general was characterized by the humanistic spirit.

Gostieva L. K. Enlightenment Activities of Daniil Chonkadze // *Izvestiya SOIGSI*. 2012. Iss. 7 (46). P.107-114.

Keywords: culture, devotional literature, folklore, Ossetian language

In the article the enlightenment activities of Daniil Chonkadze is considered. D. Chonkadze's contribution to the Christian enlightenment and culture of Ossetia is shown.