

The synopsis of scientific works of professor of American Studies Department of St. Petersburg State University, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Lazar S. Jeifets and professor of Department of International Relations Theory and History of St. Petersburg State University, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Victor L. Jeifets "Evolution of political party system in Latin America during XX-XXI centuries" represented for participation in the contest of St. Petersburg State University for awards in 2015 under the notion of "Fundamental achievements in science".

Scientific works of Lazar S. Jeifets and Victor L. Jeifets applied for the competition (37 works on total, including 1 monograph, 3 chapters in multy-author books, 1 article in journals indicated in Scopus, 20 articles in science journals of HAC/RSCI list, 12 articles in science journals and collected articles, not listed by RSCI (published in Spanish and/or in English in Mexico, Chile, Columbia, and Germany) are the result of complex fundamental study on the evolution of political system in Latin American countries influencing the process of shaping of the modern foreign policy of Latin American states and relations between these countries and Russia, that is a significant contribution to the history and political science.

Under the formation of multipolar world Latin America is acquiring the decisive role in new configuration of International Relations. The influence of Latin American states in world economy and international settlement is becoming more important. The region is obviously becoming the one of the world centres, poles of world policy. Recently Latin America has become very important for Russia. That was demonstrated by the results of the last visit of the President of Russian Federation, Vladimir Putin, to the region in July 2014, which has given the new impetus to "the return of Russia" to the region. Latin American countries are looking for the new models of political and economical development. The obvious polarization of political life takes place in the last years – the struggle between the tendencies of so called “left turn” and the traditional political systems. Therefore it seems vital to explore the roots of ideology and policy of Latin American countries, primarily countries that tend to the Bolivarian model. This determines the extreme topicality of the study of the evolution of political systems of Latin American countries, of their influence to the shaping of strategy and tactics of foreign policy. In this sense the analysis of this phenomenon and its consequences for the international system is acquiring high theoretical value for the historical science. Estimation of these changes, determination of the tendencies and peculiarities of political systems and their influence for the elaboration of foreign policy of Latin American countries have the practical value for the elaboration of the foreign policy of the Russian Federation at Latin American dimension, for sure.

In the series of works of L.S. Jeifets and V.L. Jeifets, represented within the competition, the authors implemented a complex, multi-fold analysis of ideological roots, activities of left movement, elaboration of foreign and domestic policy of Latin American countries in XX-XXI centuries. The origination and tendencies of the formation of modern political system, issues of ideological struggle between traditional and new political parties and movements were studied. The authors have explored general tendencies of political development of Latin American countries, as well as its manifestations in particular dimensions and, primarily, in relations with Russia. The summary includes works revealing the theoretical basis of formation of new political system of Latin American countries, originated from the historical past of the left movement, traditions of Communist International (See. List of author's works No. 1, 5, 8-14, 18-20, 23-33, 35-37). It also includes the studies covering the issues of modern domestic and foreign policy of the Latin American countries in XX-XXI centuries (See. List of author's works No. 6-7, 15-16, 21, 22, 34).

Authors' monographs published during the reviewed period (“El Partido Comunista de Argentina y la III Internacional. La mision de Williams y los origenes del penelonismo”. Mexico, D.F., 2013) together with previously published works (2000-2009) form part of the first comprehensive study of the issue in Russian and foreign historiography. The Study is based on

previously inaccessible archival documents revealing the genesis and development of the modern left movement, which considerably shapes the contemporary political development of Latin America and reveals the character of relations between international communist movement and USSR, on the one hand, and the Latin American “lefts”, on the other hand. Authors have formulated the original concept of 2 streams of the communist movement formation in Latin America (on the basis of labour and student movement, and under the organizational influence of Communist International).

The considerable attention in applied works is paid to the analysis of the character of foreign policy of Latin American countries, to the enlargement of political and economical ties between Latin America and Russia. Authors have studied the strategy and tactics of foreign policy of number of countries including its Russian dimension (See. List of author's works No. (2, 3), and USA dimension (See. List of author's works No. 4).

The Biographical dictionary, published in 2015 (*América Latina en la Internacional Comunista, 1919-1943. Diccionario Biográfico. Santiago de Chile, 2015*) contains the unique reference material of more than 1500 participants of left movements, collected on the basis of thousands of archival affairs of Russian Federation, the USA, Mexico and Argentina, as well as a great amount of press material. This publication does not have an analogue neither in the Russian Federation nor abroad.

The textbook published by L.S. Jeifets, V.L. Jeifets and K.M. Severinov on contemporary history for the 9th grade is included in the federal list of publications, recommended by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation.

The value of the whole presented works is determined by the following: it defines the deep roots of modern tendencies of political party development of Latin American countries and reveals the key factors, influencing the modern relations between Latin American countries, Russia and the number of countries of the world.

One of dimensions of the works is the complex analysis of electoral tendencies in Latin American countries, which allows forecasting the peculiarities of the elaboration of their domestic and foreign policy (See. List of author's works No. 7, 17, 21, 22, 27).

The analysis of history and evolution of political system of Latin American countries represented in the scientific works is based on the wide range of sources and literature (Russian, Mexican and American archival documents, governmental documents, materials of Communist International congresses and plenary sessions of the ECCI, Latin American Communist parties' conferences, memoirs, monographs, articles in periodicals of Latin America, Spain, the USA and other countries legal documents) and newest scientific theoretical works of Russian and Latin American scientists in the field of international relations. The majority part of the sources used by the authors is introduced for the first time.

Publications have got a broad response among scientific community. 13 reviews for the works of L.S. Jeifets and V. L. Jeifets introduced from 2000 to 2014 were published in Russia, Spain, Mexico, Argentine, Germany, and Switzerland. After the publication of the authors' article “El giro a la izquierda en America Latina y el nacimiento del nuevo bolivarismo: las tradiciones del Komintern y la actualidad” // *CS. Estudios latinoamericanos. # 4 (2009). Pp. 193-210* the wide discussion took place in the leading newspapers of Columbia (“El Espectador”) and Argentine (“Clarín”).

In particular, the monograph (L. Jeifets, V. Jeifets “El Partido Comunista de Argentina y la III Internacional. La misión de Williams y los orígenes del penelonomismo”. Nostromo Ediciones Mexico, Distrito Federal, 2013. Universidad Estatal de San Petersburgo, Instituto de America Latina de ACR. 333 p.) was reviewed: in 2014 – in Scientific journal “Clio” by A. Andreev (St. Petersburg), O. Crespo (Mexico City, Mexico). Williams' Mission: South American Odyssey of Comintern Agent. Reflection after reading. 2014. №4 (7). C. 134-136 (review attached); in journal “Pacarina del Sur” (Mexico), 2014: in journal “Archivos de historia del movimiento obrero y de la izquierda” (Buenos Aires): Hernan Camarero (UBA-CONICET). Lazar S. Jeifets, Victor L. Jeifets *El Partido Comunista de Argentina y la III Internacional. La*

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