## Radei A. Nations in the times of global transformations: challenges and prospects

The author analyses the process of emerging nations in the epoch of "modern" and of oncoming capitalism. An assertion is made that a nation is produce of purposeful labours by the nationally-oriented state. In the contemporary world, what with globalization, the national state's authority and its monopoly of government is notably diminishing which is a threat to the nation as a sociocultural phenomenon. The crisis of state brings the nation toward fragmentation into much simpler and more archaic forms of social existence which are based on ethnic and religious distinctions.

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