

THE ROLE OF AN EXPERT RESEARCHER IN THE SCIENTIFIC SUPPORT OF THE STATE NATIONAL POLICY IN RUSSIA (1990–2000-S): RESULTS OF AN EXPERT SURVEY

National policy problems came to the forefront in the socio-political life of the Soviet Union at the turn of the 1980s and 1990s. The multi-ethnic state experienced serious “overload” in the field of inter-ethnic relations during this period, which was a side effect of the democratization of political life and glasnost in the perestroika period. The collapse of the Soviet Union and the extremely unstable development of inter-ethnic relations in Russia in the 1990s (and partly in the following period) increased the importance of this sphere of state activity even more. The need for a broad application of scientific expertise in the developing and implementing state ethnic policy became a serious challenge for the post-Soviet expert community. The latter had to rethink the concepts and perceptions of nationalism and the nature of inter-ethnic relations inherited from the Soviet period, seek new forms of relations with the state authorities and develop mechanisms for influencing national policies in an accelerated manner.

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