

EDITORIAL

The proposed collection of theses is the outcome of the Third Conference of domestic and foreign researchers at the site of the Ural Federal University. She brought together both mature scientists whose research has already been seen in the Russian and international scientific field, and the authors who make the first steps in science, for whose personal growth participation in the dialogue held is a useful school.*

The result of the first discussions was the publication in 2018 of a monograph in which a “reconciliation of hours” of Russian and foreign regional studies was held [1]. The authors of the monograph introduced the theory of “old” and “new” regionalism, comparative regionalism and interregionalism into scientific circulation. With different approaches, the unifying moment was the recognition of the important role of international regional processes and institutions in the modern world order (the world of regions). The researchers drew attention to the individual characteristics of integration projects and at the same time tried to typologize the integration processes and their final products as “soft”, “closed”, “open” regionalism, etc.

In the framework of the recent conference, attention was drawn to non-Western theories of regionalism, to the features of the integration processes outside Europe, to the value and institutional content of the external regional policy of the European Union. Attention was

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drawn to *overlapping regionalism* that is, to the interaction, complementarity and conjugacy of regional actors. A long-playing topic is the study of the processes of *region-building*.

I would like to hope that this work will attract the attention of specialists interested in regional processes and will stimulate new research in this area.

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1. Асимметрии региональных интеграционных проектов XXI века / [под. ред. В. И. Михайленко] ; М-во образования и науки Рос. Федерации, Урал. федер. ун-т. — Екатеринбург, 2018. — 476 с.