## **Editor's Pick**

In the autumn of 2014 in the city of Rostov-na-Donu, under the auspices of the Rostov Scientific Elitological School, a milestone scientific event — international conference "Leader, Elite, Region" — took place. The editorial stuff of the Russian Academic Journal closely followed speeches of scientists and from dozens reports choose only a few which are able to give to the global scientific community, which takes interest in Russian elitology, a sight of line of elitological thought in regions on the South of Russia the North Caucasus to the fullest extent.

The editor would like to note that the Rostov Scientific Elitological School has been established on the basis of the North Caucasian Academy of State Service which, in 2010, has been reorganized in South-Russia Institute for Management — branch of the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA). Practically all theoretical insights and researches of scientists of the Elitological School found wide practical refraction in life-sustaining activity, they are oriented and intended to be used by state and municipal authorities of the South of Russia.

Professor Alexandr Vasilyevich Ponedelkov, the Honoured Scientist of the Russian Federation, Doctor of Political Science, Head of the Chair of Political Science in the South — Russia Institute for Management of RANEPA, is the Head of the scientific school. Such professors of the SRIM RANEPA as Starostin A.M., , Kislitsyn S.A., Kuzina S.I., Vorontsov S. S. — are a part of the School. The School effectually works together with one of the largest Friedrich Ebert's grant funds of Germany (Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung).