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The ideologem of imperial dissolution in post-soviet discourse

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The article analyzes the concept of the collapse of empires as a historical necessity prevailing in the post-Soviet discourse. It is proved that this concept is based on the vague concept of empire and uses invalid methods to generalize empirical research material. The arguments presented by the proponents of the concept in the analysis of economic, political and national relations in the era of the late Soviet Union are critically examined.

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