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**On the correlation between the terms "nation" and "ethnic"**

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*It is discussed the problems associated with the use of the scientific literature and public practice of the terms "nation" and "ethnos". It is traced two systems of terms evolution used in our country, in one of which a key concept is the "nation", and in the second is "ethnos", and analyzes the main options of definition in Western tradition, known as the "state nation" and "cultural nation". There is the necessity to differentiate the sphere of application of these terms: the concept of "nation" should be used exclusively in the political sense, designating the totality of citizens of a particular state, and "ethnic groups" to refer to the peoples as historical and cultural community.*

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