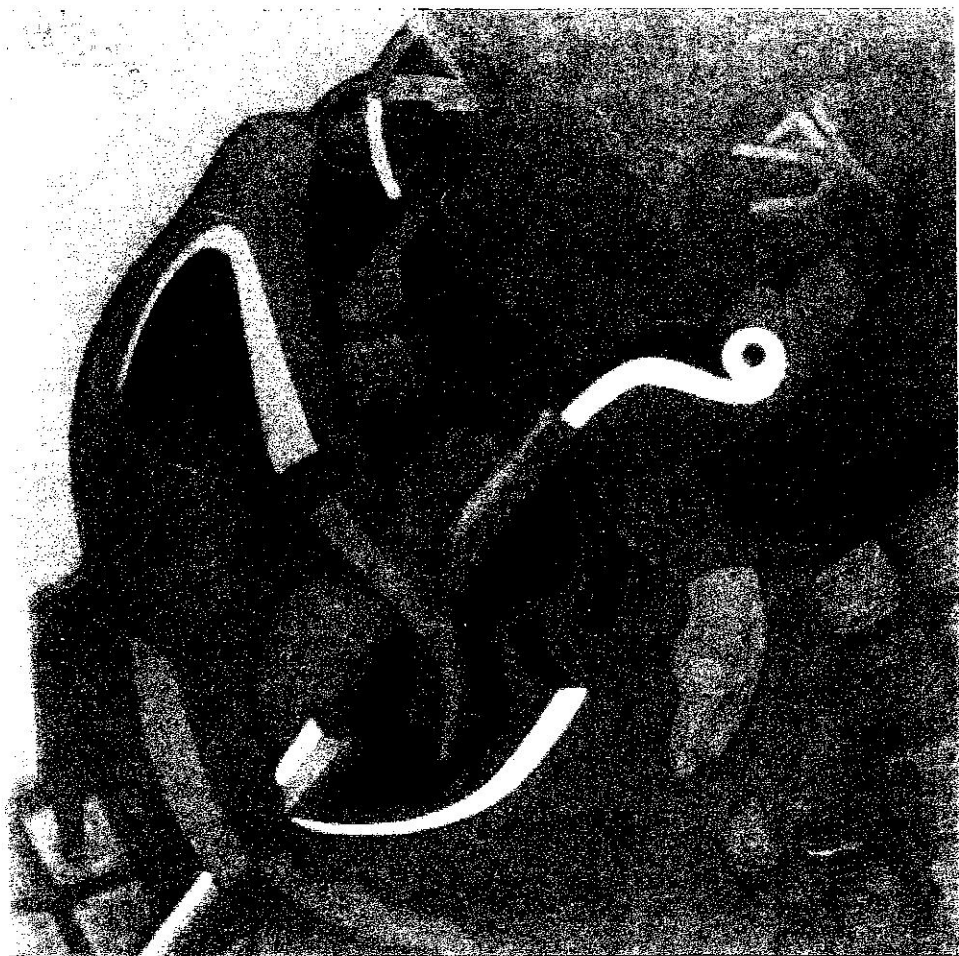


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Alexander N. Chumakov. *Philosophy of Globalization: Selected Articles*. Moscow: MAKSPress, 2010. 188 pp.

Alexander Chumakov devoted his career in philosophy to the study of globalization and authored more than 330 research articles and seven scholarly books that have been published in Russian, English, German, French, Chinese, Polish and Czech. His *Philosophy of Globalization* is the first collection of his major articles in the field, which was published in English on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday.

A distinguished emeritus professor of sociology at the University of Pittsburgh, Roland Robertson noted in his introduction to the book that Chumakov's philosophical approach deals with globalization "multidimensionally":

... there are two overlapping strands to the articles contained in this book. First, there is the concern with the specific topic of globalization and the prospects for a global society. A second consideration is the more general area of global studies (which is sometimes called globalistics in Russia). (7-8)

University of North Carolina professor William Gay pointed out that Chumakov's "most significant contribution to the field of Global Studies has been the creation of a language for interdisciplinary communication" that different sciences have found "acceptable." (14) Gay also said that with respect to the formation of the future global society

Chumakov maintains the importance of morality and common law [as] the main social regulators. Consequently, in [Chumakov's] judgment, human rights are values of primary importance. However, given the pervasiveness and complexity of global interdependence, he stresses that human rights should be defined more precisely and complemented by specification of adequate responsibilities. Chumakov argues that while every nation should be able to retain its own traditions, beliefs and values, for the sake of the future each nation also should make universal human interests a top priority. In making these arguments, Chumakov also provides support for the concepts of global democratic governance and global justice (14).

The articles on a variety of topics are related to the process of globalization and are part of Global Studies, including its historical, political, anthropological, multicultural and philosophical dimensions. Special essays are devoted to the role of China in the globalized world as well as to the Russian vision of globalization. Articles from *Global Studies Encyclopedia*, which was edited by Chumakov *et al.*, and published in 2003, have also been included.

We congratulate professor Chumakov with his birthday and the publication of this book and wish him many years of productive scholarly work in the future.

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