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Alexander Panarin as a mirror of Russian revolution

Abstract. This article focuses on the evolution of the ideas of Russian philosopher and publicist Alexander Panarin, whose worldview changed in just one decade from liberal Westernism to conservative Eurasianism. The author follows the changes in the philosopher's ideas and tries to solve the puzzle of Panarin's motivation for taking such a contradictory path. Among the causes of the evolution the author points to disappointment in the changes of post-Soviet Russia, the philosopher’s belief in the unseemliness of the role of the West in these processes, as well as Panarin’s own temperament. The author attempts to draw lessons from this phenomenon, which is typical for numerous Russian intellectuals who experienced their ideas transform from liberalism to conservative Eurasianism.

Key words: Russian Revolution, civilizational process, national liberalism, zapadnichestvo, Westernism, ievraziistvo, Eurasianism, ideology of revival

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