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FUTURE SOCIETY: ROLE OF THE SPACE TECHNOLOGY AND AZERBAIJAN AS DISCOURSE
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Abstract

The XX century was one of the most contradictory and significant periods of humankind. WWII and Cold War, as conflict between different view angles to the future of the world, gave the impulse to the formation of the period, called postmodern. Despite the statement of one thinker at the beginning on 90-s that the history is finished, it's obvious, that the history is not only continuing, but facing the stage of great transformations. Aside from political, economic and social perturbations, the XX century was notable with the development of the totally new types of technology. On the one hand, development of radio and telephony system made easier and faster the communication between different points and nodes on the Earth. On the other hand, humanity's entry to the new niche as space, mentioned with the events such as the first artificial satellite of the Earth, the first flight of the man to the open space, the man on the moon are the sign of the XX century from the technological point of view. As an apogee of this technological revolution, we have internet and satellite communications today. After the collapse of USSR, the countries, which were the parts of it, owned sovereignty and their peculiar way of development. Overcoming thorny pass full of difficulties, Azerbaijan recovered its independence in 1991, seeking its place in the world. Azerbaijan has a great potential to be a platform for manifold political and economic, scientific and social events. Also, it is the only country in the region which has the space agency and develops this field rapidly. As space agency, Azercosmos is focused on not only providing satellite services, but organizing major events, educational seminars and business projects too. Current situation in the world demonstrates that the humanity is preparing to do a step to the new era. It's important to have the vision for being oriented in the new order. This paper will represent the concept of the society of the future and the place of the space technologies in it. It will include the analysis of the historical processes and views to the future, touch the moments such as impact of corporations and unions, space technologies and information delivery to the society of the future, and role of Azerbaijan as an assemblage point for various ideas and vectors in the forthcoming world.