
Aliens in the articles of Michail Menshikov

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The article deals with the publicism of Michail Menshikov — one of the conservative thinkers of the early twentieth century, known for his criticism of non-titular nationalities of the Russian Empire — “inorodtsi” (aliens). Scientific novelty of the study is in carrying out an analysis of the phenomenon of Menshikov's negative attitude to strangers, including his anti-Semitism, and in examining the problem of motivation for this attitude. The research shows that Menshikov's attitude to aliens was contradictory and ambiguous. Although the most part of his articles was indeed characterized by ethno-national negative rhetoric towards non-titular nationalities, quite rational and sometimes positive assessment of aliens was hidden behind his external aggression. The study is helpful for understanding the causes of everyday and political nationalism, as well as for preventing ethnic conflicts.

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