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GEOPOLITICAL PLACE OF ABKHAZIA IN STRATEGIC RESEARCH CARRIED OUT BY ABKHAZ SEPARATIST GOVERNMENT

“Apkhazeti at the Turn of the Centuries”, a book by the famous Apkhaz philosopher Oleg Dameraia was published in Sankt Petersburg in 2011. By ignoring or specifically interpreting historical facts the author tries to convince readers that Apkhazeti’s political choice must be discussed only within the Russian geopolitical discourse.

In its content the above-mentioned book is the least hysterical and anti-Georgian among those published in Apkhazeti and Russia in recent years.

Professor Oieg Dameraia acknowledges that the Apkhaz and the Georgian peoples are the closest ones as Caucasian nations (besides, the Apkhaz people are remarkably close to Abazins and Adygeans) in terms of historical character and mentality; this is related to a common historical setting, traditions and relations.

The book puts special emphasis on the role and importance of Apkhazeti within the current geopolitical discourse between Russia and the West. The author attempts to display Georgian-Russian geopolitical controversies as Georgian-Apkhazian and Georgian-Ossetian conflicts; in his opinion, the Apkhazian choice is a result of common Apkhazian and Russian interests directed against Georgia and the West.

In one of the chapters of his book the author presents the relations between the so-called Republic of Abkhazia and Turkey within the geopolitical context.