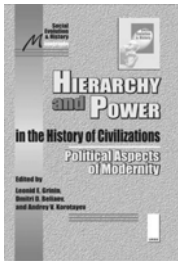


HIERARCHY AND POWER IN THE HISTORY OF CIVILIZATIONS

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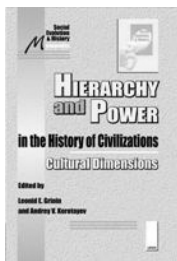


The relations of hierarchy and power penetrate the whole of social life but naturally they are most visible in the political sphere. The careful study of each particular case of such relations is of great significance. In the meantime, it is very important to see both the general features typical for all or most of the hierarchy and power forms, and their variation. The relations of power and hierarchy in the modern political world system demonstrate a great number of variants, levels and dimensions, especially in the conditions of increasing globalization. In the present edited volume the focus lies on three aspects of this important subject. In the volume entitled *Hierarchy and Power in the History of Civilizations: Political Aspects of Modernity* the aspects of revolutionary changes, violence and globalization are analyzed in the following sections:

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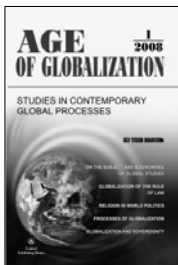
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