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**PROBLEMS ON THE WAY OF BECOMING THE POLITICAL NATION  
IN UKRAINE**

**Abstract.** Becoming of political nation as multiethnic community united by common interests and aspirations of citizens of Ukraine is an important pre-condition for consolidation of Ukrainian society based on preservation of identity of all nations and nationalities, their development within the multination state. There is also need of

harmonious relations between nations and nationalities, guaranteed possibility of free use of language in communication, education, studies and art.

The author explains the necessity of such approach in solving this problem. This approach is based on inherent for the most European states morality on priority of human and citizen rights and excludes any discrimination on national, confessional, language or other indication.

Complicated situation in becoming political nation in Ukraine is conditioned by multinational composition of its population and other objectives, including historical circumstances, deep social differentiation in society and by the permanent system crisis. As to historical background of present day challenges to formation of political nation in Ukraine it is dealt with a fact that during centuries Ukrainian territories were parts of other states. As a result – existing diversities in mentality of representatives of different regions of Ukraine, their approaches to estimation of many historical events and figures of the past, last decades transformations in political and socio-economic development, foreign-policy orientation etc. It must be said also about absence of clear vision of the prospects as well as program of development of Ukraine regarding majority of existing political forces in Ukrainian society.

Among negative factors are permanent contest for power in Ukraine, attempts of radical political forces to impose nationalistic ideology on society, national or language discriminative approaches to realization constitutional rights and freedoms of citizens.

Among acute questions of contemporary development of Ukraine is unification of Ukrainian society, creation of valuable foundations of political nation, forming national idea. Among the questions is also clarification of general prospect of society development with respect to the interests of all nations and nationalities of Ukrainian multinational society. These are scientists who are awaited to contribute to this sphere by deep research work upon processes of society, in particular upon inter-ethnic and inter-confessional relations, spiritual sphere, state building, civil society, social institutions, modern means of influence on human consciousness in forming nation-wide identity.

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## **PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS OF LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT REFORMATION IN UKRAINE**

**Abstract.** The important factor of the process of forming any nation is an ability of human society for self-organization. Such self-organization appears first of all within natural community (that is inhabitants of the same settlement) which is able to solve itself local problems. In this dimension one of the fundamentals of state administration in developed democratic countries along with the principle of separation of power is an existence of independent from central power local self-governing.