

REALISM AND IDEALISM AS POLITICAL PHILOSOPHIES IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN THE XXth CENTURY

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Abstract: *The article presents the main characteristics of two of the leading political philosophies in international relations in the XXth century – realism and idealism. The opposition between the followers of the two theoretical schools is considered to be the most significant of the „Great Debates“ in international relations theory, as it marks the beginning of the main research field in the Theory of International Relations as an independent scientific discipline. The postulates of the two paradigms largely determine the processes in the system of international relations in the XXth century.*

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