

MACKINDER, DUGIN AND RUSSIAN IMPERIALISM



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- Alexander Dugin – “Putin’s brain”, *Foundations of Geopolitics*
- Dugin loves the idea of Russia as the Eurasian Heartland: “Russia’s absolute geopolitical centrality has always served to make it the dynamic nerve-center of world history”
- The “land-sea opposition” is “the most significant and enduring fault line in the history of global relations”
- “It was precisely Mackinder,” he explains, “who established the main tendency of Anglo-Saxon geopolitics, which became the geopolitics of the US and NATO: to obstruct by any means the geopolitical strengthening and the expansion of the Heartland.” Dugin (...) reformulates the traditional land-sea opposition as an existential contest between “Eurasianists” (Russian and continental) and “Atlanticists” (Anglo-American and maritime).