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**MAIN RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Political geography and geopolitics (border studies, critical geopolitics, identities and ethnic conflicts), social geography, large cities and metropolitan regions.

**ACADEMIC CAREER**

Vladimir Kolosov - Professor, PhD 1979 Moscow State University, habilitation 1992 (Institute of Geography of the Russian Academy of Sciences), Head of the Center of Geopolitical Studies at the Institute of Geography. He taught at the Faculty of Geography of Moscow State University and at the Department of Political Science of the Moscow State Institute of International Relations. He received the scholarship of Brussels Capital Region (1991) and Fulbright Scholarship at the University of Colorado at Boulder (1997), was nominated as Professor at the Universities of Toulouse-Le Mirail (1999-2003), visiting professor at the universities of Paris-Sorbonne IV, Paris-I Panthéon-Sorbonne, Bordeaux and Tampere. His research interests lie in the fields of political geography and geopolitics, social geography, world cities and large metropolitan areas. He is the author of more than 350 publications, including 16 books and the most popular textbook on political geography in Russia. In 1996-2004 he chaired the International Geographical Union Commission on Political Geography, in 2006 he is elected Vice-President, in 2008 – First Vice-President and in 2012 – President of the International Geographical Union, is on the editorial boards of *Political Geography*, *Geopolitics*, *BelGéo*, *Eurasian Geography and Economy*, *Annales géographiques* and other journals. He co-directed and participated in many international projects and organized a number of international conferences.