

## ABSTRACTS

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### **BRIEF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEFINITION OF FASCISM**

In the article, the problem of forming a simple, clear and operable definition of fascism as a political and economic phenomenon was solved. It is determined that a proper definition of fascism should describe each case of fascism, but not to determine as fascism what is not fascism in fact. Methodological approaches to the definition of fascism, which were used by politicians, scientists, cultural figures were analyzed. Within the typology, it was offered to allocate emotional, phenomenological and essential definitions of fascism. Emotional definition of fascism largely reflects the personal relationship to this phenomenon. Supporters and opponents of fascism use this type of definitions for propaganda purposes. The analytical value of these definitions is negligible. The phenomenological definition consists of features inherent in fascist regimes and fascist political programs. These definitions include the long list of manifestations of fascism. In each particular case, not every manifestation can be found among characteristics of the regime or political program. This lack characterizes phenomenological definition as devoid of preciseness. The essential definition is based on the list of attributes that are inherent in every fascist regime or political program. The author proposes the essential definition of fascism as a phenomenon of the use of pseudo-socialist demagogy to protect the interests of the oligarchy. The author gives evidence of the utility of proposed definition of fascism on the specific examples of fascist and Nazi regimes in different countries.