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FORMATION OF A SYSTEM OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
IN UKRAINE (1990 – 2010)

The scientific and practical problem of developing democratic foundations of local self-government is very important. This problem is devoted to many publications of Ukrainian scholars in the field of political science, public administration, and history. However, unfortunately, most of the works lack a critical view of the practice of domestic state-building. Also, the development of self-government is often depicted in isolation from the internal policy of the state, the struggle for power in it. The development of local self-government in the first decade after the proclamation of independence is considered in this article in the context of domestic policy and changes in the forms of government in Ukraine. It has been shown that many attempts to introduce an effective European model of local self-government were not particularly successful. The negative result had both objective and subjective reasons. First, the inheritance of the totalitarian regime of Ukraine remained rigid centralism, as well as the ineradic ability of what is written in the Constitution of the state, and that which is in reality. Secondly, the central government did not really like to get rid of its power in favor of the regional authorities, and therefore was not interested in the complete break-up of the Soviet model of relations with regional elites. In addition, despite the fact that there was a parliamentary presidential republic in Ukraine (1991 – 2004 – 2010), that is, formally, under the Constitution, the prime minister was considered the first person in the state; in reality, the main powers always belonged to the head of state. The Presidents of Ukraine (regardless of the particular surname) sought to increase these powers, which, obviously, was an distinctive characteristic feature of Ukrainian political life.

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