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**PROBLEM CAUSE SOVIET-GERMAN WAR IN THE IMPERIAL
RUSSIAN HISTORIOGRAPHY TOWARD**

In the article the history of creation and improving the hypotheses of the reasons of the Soviet-German war in the imperial direction of the Russian historiography of the Second World War, has been studied, the key provisions of these hypotheses have been determined and revealed.

At first, the formation of methodology and methods of studying concrete wars in the imperial direction was considered.

Two main periods of studying this problem in the imperial direction (the first in 1999 - 2004, the second - in 2004 – till our days) have been revealed.

The hypothesis of the "fundamentalness of global wars" in the industrial society, which became methodological grounds for establishing the reasons of a contained, that the imperial direction in studying the reasons of concrete wars just the hypothesis of "fundamentalness of global wars" as a methodological base should be used.

It has been revealed, that the problem of the Soviet-German war reasons was the most poorly developed in the imperial direction.

Two main hypotheses of the Soviet-German war reasons, used in the imperial direction - the "strategic" one and the hypothesis of "secondary importance", have been considered.

It has been ascertained, that the methodology of considering the war reasons on the methodological grounds of the hypothesis of the "fundamentalness of global wars" in the imperial direction is developed quite clearly. In studying the reasons of the participation of the leading industrial nation in the Second World War, the USA, Great Britain, and Germany were under investigation according to this methodology. However, the historians of the imperial direction refused to do the similar research of the USSR for some reason or other.

The refusal of investigating in accordance with the methodology, worked out within their own direction, resulted into the rise of the methodological crisis in studying the problem of the Soviet-German war reasons. Both hypothesis, used nowadays in the imperial direction, are of purely artificial character.