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**INFLUENCE OF VERTICAL STRUCTURAL POLITICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL
PROCESSES ON THE WORLD'S GEOCONFLICTOLOGICAL SITUATION**

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Investigation of conflicts from the point of view of human geography is a relatively new trend requiring an original methodological base. State's striving to reach a higher geopolitical status is considered to be a regular process resulting in hierarchy organization of political and territorial structure of the modern world. Examples of ascending and descending vertical and structural processes have been provided. Their two major types – internal and external have been discussed. The first pertain the changes of the geopolitical status of states, the second – of some their regions. The change in status is influenced considerably on the ability of the state to solve political and territorial conflicts in its favor as well as the geopolitical activity of separate state regions.

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