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METHODOLOGICAL APPROACHES TO THE PERIODIZATION OF FORMING CONTEMPORARY UKRAINIAN GEOGRAPHY

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The periodization of forming modern Ukrainian geography as a synthesizing factor of the science has been examined. Its turning points are thematic analysis of works, features of methodology, dominant approaches and principles. The general scheme of philosophical, historical and geographic approaches has been considered in the analysis of this process. It is important to identify the links of combination and separation of differences between them singling out each of the periods (historical, comparative, structural, genetic and other approaches).

At the stage of forming modern Ukrainian geography the following periods have been singled out: 1) humanitarian and empiric (the origin, from the second half of the XIX c. till 1905); 2) natural and synthesis from 1905 till 20th years of the XX c. (first professional and theoretical principles (concepts) and generalizations were formed); 3) theoretical (theoretical and applied) covers the period from 20–30th years till 50th years of the XX c. (the main theoretical positions of the professional science and education of geographers were developed). Several dominant paradigms changed one another during the mentioned periods in geography (chorological, component and complex).

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