

**New social roles of a modern university:  
the case of Pyatigorsk State Linguistic University**

The article deals with the issue of the new social roles of a modern university drawing on the example of Pyatigorsk State Linguistic University. According to the author, the XXI<sup>st</sup> century is an era of Universities that are considered as major socio-economic and cultural structures in the present-day and future society. In the process of development, the roles and functions of Universities are constantly changing as they become active social actors transforming the human society around them, acting to resolve social conflicts and reach mutual understanding in a multinational and polycultural world. Universities perform the functions of both a peacemaking Site and a Mediator of the Government – Civil Society interaction. The author comes to the conclusion that the role of modern Universities is drastically changing and widening, they become centres of education, research, culture and innovation.

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