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Socialist Concept of Human Rights – Short History with Long Legacy

Socialist concept of human rights, invented firstly in East Europe and then in USSR, has relatively short history – from the mid-50th to mid-80th, because after 1984 USSR legal scholars had moved to the universalists position. The most important and active time for this concept was the time after Helsinki Accord 1975 to 1984, which is even more restrictive, especially in academic terms. The activity of Department of human rights, Institute of State and Law, pioneered the study in the field of human rights and even human rights terminology from the perspective of USSR. Political decision had stopped this work. The conservative shift of political elite in Russia was the reason for the whimsical combination of the school of socialist concept of human rights with traditional values, which is the core of current version of human rights in conservative wing of Russian school of Law.