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All three papers shed some light on a very little-known aspect of modern Russian history during the period of the Provisional Government in 1917, and above all, on the relations between the non-Russian peoples and the Provisional Government.

All three contributors seem to agree on the Provisional Government's unwillingness to deal seriously and responsibly with one of the most poignant issues in former Tsarist Russia. Despite its recognition of basic democratic principles, the Provisional Government went down into the pages of history as a defender of the Russian colonial empire with its refusal to extend the right of self-determination to non-Russian nationalities. Therefore, we suggest viewing the Provisional Government not so much as truly democratic but first of all as a nationalistic institution more interested in the preservation of the Empire than in democratic principles.

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