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## Abstracts

DOMENICO CACCAMO, «*Balance politique du monde*». La Francia di fronte alla dottrina Monroe da Chateaubriand a Napoleone III

Napoleon III's Mexican expedition, undertaken entirely in the expectation of a collapse of the American federalism, was not simply an episode of colonial history. Behind it was a traditional French politics toward the New World and the United States from the Ancien Régime to the Orléans Monarchy. In opposition to the Two Hemispheres Doctrine, as affirmed by the Presidents Monroe and Polk, French diplomats and political writers theorized a world balance, not a European one, with inclusion of world resources and communications. Both the American and the French doctrines were different expressions of a global thinking. The article is composed from a discussion of the literature and from the results of a research in the archives of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs.