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### **Opposition models in the authoritarian regime: the case of current Russia**

The aim of the paper is to present models of opposition structures against the current modern authoritarian regime of V. V. Putin in the Russian Federation. In this sense, the J. J. Linz's axis of limited pluralism versus monism in current Russian political regime is accented. The paper tries to identify the forms and potential of dissident doctrines against Putin's regime and focuses on the opposition, its internal cleavages and degree of their political involvement (as the key prerequisite for an opposition is presenting a viable alternative with a capacity for a regime change). Based on this description, the paper will confront classical and current theories of opposition in non-democratic regimes with given dates and formulate criteria for possible conceptualization of opposition in modern authoritarianism.