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Propositions

1. There is a significant degree of continuity in Russian military thought over the 20th century due to the resilience of fundamental military concepts¹. Russian fundamental military concepts that arose during the late 19th and early 20th centuries remained unaltered in Russia's conceptualization of modern warfare.
2. Between 1853 and 2010, Russian fundamental military concepts ensured continuity rather than change, despite the changing strategic, political, and historical contexts.
3. Socio-political and strategic ruptures have had a marginal impact on Russian fundamental military concepts between 1853 and 2010. Fundamental military concepts tend to become strategically essential by updating their semantic content through changing socio-political and strategic contexts.
4. Russian fundamental military concepts showed an unchangeable and eternal tendency in terms of etymological forms; however, their content and semantic use constantly changed under the varying historical contexts.
5. In Russian military thinking, conceptual resilience is strongly correlated with concepts' (1) enduring strategic relevance and (2) integration into the system of conceptual thinking.
6. Russian fundamental military concepts do not disappear under war's changing character, although their semantic use is affected. Researching the continuity of a concept over time can be meaningful as long as a concept has practical strategic significance.

¹ These concepts are the initial period of war, combat readiness, correlation of forms and methods, forecasting and reflexive control.

7. In Russian military thought, the continuity of fundamental military concepts hinges on their interaction with each other. A high degree of interrelation among fundamental military concepts stimulated continuity.
8. A certain degree of dependency and hierarchy among fundamental military concepts can promote continuity in Russian conceptual thinking.
9. Russian fundamental military concepts privileged continuity over change on the condition that they fit together into a whole system of concepts. Thus, the vertical and horizontal linkages among fundamental military concepts constituted a system of thinking that laid the theoretical framework for Russian military doctrine.
10. The enduring relevance of concepts and their development into a system of thinking fostered conceptual resilience in Russian strategic thinking.