

## **Batyr: Historiographical Survey**

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**ABSTRACT** The paper analyses the historiography of the *batyr*'s role in maintaining the integrity of the Kazakh state in the first quarter of the XVIII – the second half of XIX century. The researchers demonstrate the degree of study of the theme and peculiarities of approaches in the development of the institute of *batyrs* and its role in the unity of the Kazakh khanate. The researchers identified contemporary tendencies and directions in the study of theoretical problems of the role of batyrs as a social institute ('institution' should have been more appropriate) in the life of Kazakh society. Certain aspects of the problem, such as the term "*batyr*", the social structure of the Kazakh society, the role of batyrs as a public institution in the life of Kazakh people. Modern Kazakh historiography is characterized by a trend away from dogmatic stereotypes, expansion of range of issues under study and attraction of oral folklore materials on the topic that interests people.