

SUMMARY

Subject of the thesis: Modern Georgia's foreign policy: Russian and American vector.

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Relevance of the research issue is determined by the geostrategic situation of Georgia in the South Caucasus – a region where there is rapidly changing of geopolitical situation, which is characterized by instability, where there are vital interests of Russia, Western countries and regional States. Special importance attaches to the study conducted by Tbilisi's policy of rapprochement and collaboration with the Western powers and alliances that happens on the background of deteriorating relations with Russia. The subject actualizes this important circumstance, determining in many respects the foreign policy strategy of Georgia, as its withdrawal from the CIS. In 2008, after the August events in South Ossetia, Tbilisi took a decision to withdraw from the Commonwealth of Independent States and to take a course for a denser part in the Western international structures.

The object of research is the foreign policy of the Republic of Georgia in the modern world.

The subjects of research are the Russian-Georgian and Georgian-American relations at the present stage.

The purpose is to determine priority directions of foreign policy of the Republic of Georgia and its relations with Russia and the United States.

Research objectives:

- to study the concept and the functions of the foreign policy of the state;
- to identify the specifics of foreign policy in the conditions of global geopolitical transformation;
- to analyze the key factors that have a direct impact on the formation of foreign policy of Georgia;
- to describe and analyze the foreign policy of Georgia in the context of American foreign policy;
- to describe and analyze the foreign policy of Georgia in the context of Russian foreign policy.

Scientific novelty:

Analysis of the specificity of foreign policy in the conditions of global geopolitical transformations showed that for the world community because of the aggravation of global problems, the emergence of new security threats such as international terrorism, etc., there is no necessity in the game on contradictions, but rather in smoothing existing contradictions;

It is shown that Georgia has become in focus of conflicting interests of Russia, and the United States. The subject of discussion was, first of all, the

problems of transportation of energy carriers, the Russian and American military presence, the restoration of the territorial integrity of the country.

Structure: two chapters, five paragraphs, the conclusion, bibliography list of used literature from 160 sources, including 41 sources in foreign languages: 17 in English and 24 in the Georgian language, and applications. The total volume is 76 pages.

Summary: The study of the evolution of the foreign policy of the Republic of Georgia, analysis and understanding of its strengths and vulnerabilities, the understanding of the factors that determine its national interests and foreign policy objectives, as well as the study of practical steps for their realization is relevant and useful in scientific and practical-political terms.

In this regard special attention deserves the fact that the processes in the South Caucasus States need to be considered in the context of the struggle for world leadership, strategically important territory and resources, a struggle in which were involved major world powers and regional powers – the US, Russia, EU, Turkey, Iran etc. Serious destructive factor in the region are ethno-political conflicts and the problem of unrecognized States of the South Caucasus, creating chronic tension and threaten to regional and global security. On what position will be taken by Tbilisi in this matter, largely depends on stability in the region. All of these problems is not well known and require research.

The main idea of the current foreign policy of Georgia – a search of geopolitical balance in relations with the US, the EU and Russia, while maintaining a Pro-American course to join NATO and at the same time develop relations with Russia without the establishment of official diplomatic relations. Foreign policy is implemented within the framework of the international system, where it interacts with the foreign policy of other States and their unions, is experiencing the impact of international organizations.

Georgia should pursue a more balanced foreign policy that meets its national interests and based on the principle of geopolitical pluralism. In the interests of Tbilisi, the cooperation of Western countries with Russia in the development and implementation of joint economic, energy, communication, military and environmental projects for the region. Georgia has the real prerequisites to become an important interregional transit center.