

## SUMMARY

**Subject of the thesis:** «Perspective directions of Russian foreign policy with Latin America»

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**Relevance of the research issue:** Today the leadership of the Russian Federation has an urgent task to find the new countries and areas of cooperation which can bring Russia not only such economic results as increasing trade and economic potential of cooperation, but also ensuring the strong position and the country's geopolitical influence on the international sphere. In this case, the identification of priority areas of cooperation between Russia and the countries of Latin America and prospects for further development of mutually beneficial partnerships and forms of cooperation between them, which are able to turn the Russian-Latin American dialogue in the priority vector of Russian foreign policy, actualizes the topic of research.

**The purpose** of the work is the complex analysis of the Russian foreign policy current regional priorities and the future directions of their implementation in Latin America.

**Research objectives:**

- to generalize the key approaches to the study of the modern state's foreign policy in Russian and foreign literature;
- to describe the basis of the formation, development vectors and regional priorities of the Russian foreign policy;
- to characterize the geopolitical situation and the factors of Latin American region's geostrategic attractiveness as a vector of Russian foreign policy;
- to identify the prospect areas of the Russian-Latin American strategic partnership and the ways of strengthening the Russian political influence on Latin America.

**Scientific novelty:** It is specified the factors of the Latin America's geostrategic attractiveness and the key Russian foreign policy priorities in the region. It is identified the prospect vectors of Russian-Latin American strategic partnership and the directions gain of Russian political influence on the Latin American region.

**Structure:** the two chapters, containing four paragraphs, the conclusion and a 96-reference bibliography (17 of which are in foreign languages). The total volume is 80 pages.

**Summary:** The Latin America region for Russia is the significant strategic reserve which can help to strengthen the Russian positions in the international arena. The perspective directions of Russian-Latin American dialogue are trade and economic relations; joint participation in regional, inter-regional and global alliances; energy, investment and innovation cooperation; cooperation in the oil

and gas sector; in the sphere of space exploration and transport communications; military-technical and military-political cooperation; cultural contacts; joint participation in the global world political processes and others. In general, today Russia has both political and legal, and political and economic reasons to strengthen its presence in Latin America. Development of cooperation with Latin American countries is in the long-term Russian interests. It will help to strengthen, the Russian influence in international relations, to overcome the perception of the Russian Federation abroad as a power whose interests and opportunities are post-Soviet space limited. This means the strengthening the multi-faceted nature of Russian foreign policy and is one of the ways for Russian consolidation as an independent center of a multipolar world.