

## SUMMARY

**Subject of the thesis:** Russian-Spanish cooperation in the context of modern international relations.

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**Relevance of the research issue:** For a long time Russian-Spanish relations were viewed as a peripheral part of European politics, presenting an example of a interstate relations, not complicated by complex mutual claims. The cooperation between the two countries is mutually beneficial but in the modern world situation it is characterized by numerous interstate contradictions.

Russian-Spanish relations, which developed since the 1960s, has received a new impetus in 2008 in connection with the conclusion of bilateral agreements on economic and cultural cooperation, opening new possibilities of interaction. Taking into consideration that this problem is not deeply investigated in the political science literature, the analysis of dynamics and potential of Russian-Spanish cooperation in modern conditions can acquire special relevance especially in the context of the current European policy, the crisis in Ukraine and the subsequent sanctions on Russia,

**The purpose** of the paper is to carry out a comprehensive analysis of Russian-Spanish relations at the present stage, to identify opportunities and prospects for further bilateral cooperation

**Research objectives:**

- to study the role of inter-state relations in world politics;
- to identify the main trends in the development of inter-state relations in modern conditions;
- to conduct a retrospective analysis of Russian-Spanish relations and their modern state;
- to identify key trends, opportunities and prospects of development of Russian-Spanish relations.

**Scientific novelty** is conditioned by a necessity of doing a comprehensive study of the peculiarities of Russian-Spanish relations in the conditions of instability and uncertainty in the modern globalizing world. It has become especially important considering recent events on the world stage (the situation in Ukraine, the "war of sanctions" between Russia and the West), which led to a new round of exacerbations. The data for the research problem were collected and analyzed in Spanish during a diplomatic internship in Spain and then used in the qualification paper.

**Structure:** the two chapters, containing four paragraphs, the conclusion and a 73-reference bibliography (twenty six of which are in foreign languages). The total volume is 70 pages.

**Summary:**

In the modern era of globalization as mega-trend that is radically transforming the world order and the very structure of the international system, States remain the main actors in international relations, and their interactions play a decisive role in the modern world political processes.

Russian-Spanish cooperation, with a long history and traditions, is an essential element of modern world political process, showing an example of a versatile interstate interaction, carried out in various spheres of economic, social, educational, spiritual and cultural development and in the national interest of the partner countries.

In the political sphere, in a foreign policy of Russia and Spain a convergence of views on important issues of international relations can be seen. They are ensuring stability, the inadmissibility of using force in resolving disputes, the need to resolve problems exclusively through mutually respectful dialogue, taking into account the interests of all participants in the world political process.

Despite some of the dynamics in Russian-Spanish relations, the lack of really working and effective cooperation institutions is a significant drawback of the current system of bilateral relations.

Having significant potential for cooperation, the Russian-Spanish relations can serve as one of the mechanisms for the restoration of mutual trust in the European political climate.