

SUMMARY

Subject of the thesis: The Role of Turkish Diaspora in German-Turkish Relations

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Relevance of the research issue is defined by the current politization of diasporas, their transformation into an independent political subject. Diasporas today are a political tool for regulating interethnic relations as well as foreign policies of states.. The case of Turkish diaspora in Germany is particularly important in this respect. Besides, gobalization made diasporas more influential than ever before which is in itself an interesting and important object for an academic study.

The purpose – outline major forms of participation of the Turkish diaspora in Germany as well as sustaining and developing German-Turkish relations, define its potential capabilities in the context of lobbying Turkey’s national interests.

Research objectives:

- systematize conceptual approaches to the study of diaspora;
- assess the role of diaspora to the intergovernmental relations between the donor and recipient states;
- describe the process of shaping and institutionalization of Turkey’s diapora in Germany;
- outline major forms of participation of the Turkish diaspora in the development of German-Turkish relations.

Scientific novelty:

- main approaches to the study of diasporas as a foreign policy tool have been systematized;

- the role of transnational Turkish diaspora in Germany has been clarified potential risks and opportunities for Ankara in lobbying its interests through diaspora have been outlined.

Structure: the two chapters, containing two paragraphs each, the conclusion and a 96-reference bibliography (32 of which are in foreign languages) and the 4 Appendixes. The total volume is 66 pages.

Summary: Under the influence of globalization the institute of Turkish diaspora in Germany has significantly evolved that had an impact both on the state of Turks in Germany and the system of their participation in the political life of the country. The growth of the population as well as of its economic and political influence led to the strengthening of its positions. As a result the diaspora became not only a foreign policy tool of Turkey vis-à-vis Germany but in some cases as an independent actor influencing policy-making of both states.