

## SUMMARY

**Subject of the thesis:** Analysis and prospects of preferential trade agreements usage.

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**Relevance of the research issue:** The formation of preferential agreements is carried out by WTO members due to the lack of progress in the negotiations of the Doha round. Contemporary agreements are certainly evolved in comparison with free trade areas and customs unions. However, the issue of qualitative changes in the nature of PTAs are still not fully reflected in the system of WTO agreements. Equitable development of multilateral and preferential trade regulation determines the relevance of this particular study.

**The purpose of the work** is a comprehensive study of interaction peculiarities of multilateral and preferential forms of regulation of modern global trade.

**Research objectives:**

- trace the evolution of the theoretical concepts of the preferential trade;
- analyze the peculiarities of preferential trade agreements at the present stage;
- explore the latest trends in the formation of megaregional preferential trade agreements;
- determine the place of Russia in the preferential trade cooperation.

**The scientific novelty of the research:** The evolution of the PTAs, especially the change of its content and cover scale, is determined by the needs of the trade in intermediate goods and services within global production systems.

**The structure of the work consists of** an introduction, two chapters, containing 6 paragraphs, conclusion, a 65 reference bibliography (22 of them are in foreign languages) and applications.

**Summary:** Analysis of theoretical approaches to the assessment of PTAs revealed certain characteristics of interaction between preferential and multilateral levels of international trade regulation.

The lack of progress in the Doha round in multilateral trade negotiations may be the evidence of the inefficiency of a mechanism for multilateral regulation that was created in XX century. The reasons of this inefficiency are:

- number of new WTO members, that makes it difficult to find compromise solutions;
- increase of protectionist sentiment in the world after the global financial crisis in 2008;
- differences among countries about the nature of compromise and balance of mutual concessions;
- increase of geopolitical differences in the world.

Russia also shows a considerable interest in the preferential cooperation and interest in preferential trade agreements with the EAEU that is shown by other countries indicates a competitiveness of the PTAs and creates certain prerequisites for successful integration of Russia into the complicated international trade.