SUMMARY

Subject of the thesis: «Russian-German relations: current condition and development prospects».

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Relevance of the research issue of Russian-German relations is related to many factors. Firstly, restoration of German national unity and breakdown of Soviet Union have changed geopolitical and geostrategical situation in the world.

Secondly, according to historical aspects and deep analysis of Russian-German relations we are getting an opportunity to realize the necessity of international economical, political and socio-cultural cooperation between Russian Federation and Federal Republic of Germany. The knowledge of success and falls of modern Russian-German relations will contribute to a real assessment and objective analysis of both government's actions.

Thirdly, potential for cooperation of Russia and Germany, as the most powerful States of continent is not fully used and has significant reserves.

Finally, at the beginning of XXI century Russia entered a new phase of it's development, characterized by economic growth, reducing social tensions, rising incomes. In the economic revival Russia needs an additional investment. One of the ways to get income for government is an international activity. Nowadays about 70 countries have economical cooperation with Russia. The most important role has given to Germany.

The purpose of the work is a comprehensive analysis of the Russian-German relations and to identify the possible directions of Russian-German cooperation in economic, political and cultural sphere.

Research objectives:
– to identify theoretical approaches to the study of foreign policy;
– to determine the factors influencing the formation of foreign policy of the state;
– to analyze the features of the foreign policy processes and their coordination at various levels;
– to consider the genesis of Russian-German relations;
– to identify common interests and prospects of bilateral cooperation between Russia and Germany in economics;
– to consider the political component of Russian-German relations;
– to examine the cultural dimension of Russian-German relations.

Scientific novelty of the study is that conducted a comprehensive study of the peculiarities of Russian-German relations in conditions of instability of modern world, moreover, taking into account current situation in Ukraine, that led to aggravation of relations. Carried out a comprehensive analysis of the prospects of relations between Russia and Germany.

Structure: introduction, two chapters, containing seven paragraphs, conclusion
and a 86 - reference bibliography (twenty three of which are in foreign language). The total volume of work is 82 pages of typescript.

**Summary:** Unpredictability, inconsistency and extremely rapid development characterize current international relations. New international system is in forming and in the scientific community has not yet come to a consensus about its configuration. Nowadays a large number of theoretical concepts help to some extent determine the future configuration of forces in the international sphere.

Having a long term history, Russian-German relations were very different depending on the nature of the national interests and market changes in a particular historical period. At the current stage, both Russia and Germany try to occupy key positions in the international arena. In this context, the development of Russian-German relations shows one of the most urgent ways of the development of modern international relations, and the implementation of strategic diplomatic courses in relationship with each other is the particular interest for further analysis and forecasting of international development.

According to Ukrainian situation, Russian-German cooperation has complicated. Dialogue between Russia and Germany is necessary for both countries and on its success and viability will depend the well-being not only of Russia and Germany, but also all European countries.