

## SUMMARY

**Subject of the thesis:** «The foreign policy of Russia in the South Caucasus: problems and tendencies».

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**Relevance of the research issue:** At the present time social welfare, economic health, home policy stability and each state's security depend on its correct and successfully realized foreign-policy strategy of collaboration with other actors of modern international relations. Thereupon, we can see the actualization of system analysis of Russian Federation key attitudes and basic foreign-policy conceptions and ways of their realization in terms of making possible directions in order to optimize foreign-policy decision-making procedure in modern Russia. In consideration of strategic and geopolitical significance of the South Caucasus as crossing of military-transport and energy transit communications for Russia, necessity of scientific comprehension and prognostication of optimal directions for regional economic and political collaboration with South Caucasus' states makes our research more actual.

**The purpose** of the work is analysis of key problems and tendencies of Russian foreign policy realization in the South Caucasus at the modern stage.

**Research objectives:**

- research an essence of categorical instrument of foreign policy in native and foreign political science;
- reveal key sets of Russian foreign policy formation and realization;
- define factors of geostrategic significance of the South Caucasus in terms of Russian foreign-policy priorities;
- systemize key problems and tendencies of Russian national interests' realization in the South Caucasian direction.

**Scientific novelty:** Key foreign-policy priorities of Russian Federation in this region are defined; system analysis of key problems and tendencies of national interests' realization was used.

**Structure:** the introduction, the two chapters, containing four paragraphs, the conclusion, a 141-reference bibliography (30 of which are in foreign languages) and two Appendixes. The total volume is 94 pages.

**Summary:** Tendencies of modern world development in terms of globalization (an infringement upon the sovereignty of the world community, development of interstate relationships and interdependence of national interests, international division of labor, and development of international cooperation forms) mainly determine national interests of states taking into consideration their foreign-policy tasks.

The system of modern Russian foreign-policy priorities was renewed and also was several times exposed to transformations. Besides, one of the key zones of

Russian permanent foreign-policy interest was and still remains the South Caucasus. The South Caucasus region's strategic importance has recently increased by reasons of strained relations between Moscow and Tbilisi, ethnopolitical conflicts, pro-western policy of region's states and its promotional influence on «attendants» in region of out-of-area states and international organizations. In addition, foreign-policy priorities of Russian Federation in this area are determined not only by factor of Russian political security, but also by another geostrategic, geoeconomic and sociocultural circumstances.

In whole, a stable external environment for development of regional cooperation, adjustment of many-sided communications with new independent states should accord with Russian national interests in the South Caucasus. These relations include a whole complex of interconnected and vitally important directions of Russian foreign-policy activity. These circumstances show that formation and realization of political strategy of protection of Russian national interests in this region are important problems, which decisions will make for successful safeguarding of national security of our country.