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Research topic: "Modern foreign policy of Saudi Arabia in the Persian Gulf region"

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Topicality of the research: Today Saudi Arabia due to its economic potential, financial power and credibility in the Muslim world has good reason to claim the role of the regional centre of the Persian Gulf. The success of foreign policy depends largely on effective implementation of specific areas of foreign policy priority from the point of view of its national interests. However, to date, the interaction potential of the KSA regional and extra-regional actors has not been realized fully. In addition, the instability of the entire middle East region, the position of Saudi Arabia in the regional balance of power in large extent due to its ability to act as a guarantor of regional security, which also requires that the country specific foreign policy efforts, including those associated with interaction with other regional and extra-regional players – countries, organizations, actors outside the sovereignty. It is said actualizes the problem of determining the major regional foreign policy priority of Saudi Arabia, in line with the contemporary international political reality, and possible ways of their evolution.

The work purpose: determination of priority directions of foreign policy of Saudi Arabia in the Persian Gulf region and forecasting the possible scenarios of their evolution in the modern international political context.

Objectives of the study:

- describe the conceptual approaches to the definition of "foreign policy" as a political category;
- to identify the main mechanisms and instruments of formation, legal and institutional support and implementation of foreign policy of modern States;
- to characterize the foreign policy of Saudi Arabia in the Persian Gulf region and to clarify the factors shaping its regional foreign policy priorities;
- to define priority directions of foreign policy of Saudi Arabia at the present stage and to identify trends and prospects for their further implementation.

Scientific novelty: the mapped key approaches to the interpretation of "foreign policy"; systematized the underlying mechanisms of its institutional, coordination and implementation; the main factors of formation of regional foreign policy priorities of Saudi Arabia in the Persian Gulf; priority directions of foreign

policy of the Saudi Kingdom in the region and predicted the possible scenarios for their evolution in the modern international political context.

Structure: introduction, 2 chapters, 4 paragraphs, conclusion, bibliographical list consisting of 103 sources, of which 36 of them are in foreign languages, 2 appendices. The total amount of work is 79 pages of typewritten text.

Abstract: Today Saudi Arabia due to its economic potential, financial power and credibility in the Muslim world has good reason to claim the role of regional leader in the Persian Gulf. In accordance with this purpose a modern foreign policy and line up regional foreign policy priorities of the Kingdom associated with the objectives of strengthening their economic and political power and influence and take the main strategic competitors. In conditions of instability in the middle East region the situation in Saudi Arabia in the regional balance of power in large extent due to its ability to act as a guarantor of regional security, which requires country specific foreign policy efforts, including those associated with interaction with other regional and extra-regional players – countries, organizations, actors outside the sovereignty. However, at this point in time the potential of this interaction is realized not fully.

In connection with the increasing role and influence of the Arabian States at the regional and international political processes in Saudi Arabia is a kind of diversification of national interests related to the realization of the need of conducting more independent foreign policy. In particular, the policy of distancing the CSA from its longtime ally, the United States, finding and strengthening new directions of foreign policy cooperation (Asian), cooperation with Russia, including in matters of regional security. In a situation of maintaining the present balance of forces in the region, we can predict some evolution of foreign policy priorities of Saudi Arabia, which provides Russia the opportunity to use the existing in the contemporary foreign policy of the KSA Pro-Russian accent when planning further foreign policy cooperation with the Saudi Kingdom.