

Summary

Subject of the thesis: Trends in the development of regional economic integration within the framework of the NAFTA organization

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Relevance of the research issue. Consideration of the theory of integration is seen as necessary for a number of reasons. Thus, a number of definitions, developed in the framework of various theories, are important in the context of understanding the essence and content of regional integration as a phenomenon of the world economy. Existing theories and approaches open the way to a whole range of instruments of integration interaction with the aim of ordering and bringing logic into them, developing evaluation criteria, forming holistic conceptual schemes through which scientifically based forecasts can be made, and scenarios for further development of integration possible.

At the same time, their diversity, rather wide use in science and practice, significantly complicates the formation of a systematic view of this scientific phenomenon and the identification of possible trends for its further development. This also actualizes the task of considering in more detail the key approaches to the definition of the concept of "regional economic integration", the systematization of which will allow us to present a generalized view of this phenomenon of economic science and the trends of world development.

Regional integration associations play a key role in determining the vectors for the development of national economies and regions. The result of a long historical process, during which the ratio of the elements forming the regional economic complex is being built up, the mechanism of their interaction is strengthened, forming for each integration grouping its model of economic interaction. In this regard, the study of the experience of interaction of various trade and economic groups of the modern world economy, which can be useful in the work of other integration communities, also updates the topic chosen by us.

To date, one of the organizations that have a long and fairly effective experience of integration is the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The experience of studying this model, in our opinion, can be useful both in the context of identifying key problems and prospects for the further development of the North American integration community itself and in using its individual mechanisms in the practical work of integration groups in other regions of the world. In this regard, the identification of trends and features of the development of integration processes in North America gives our research the required relevance.

Thus, this argument allows us to speak of both theoretical and practical significance of our research, which led to the choice of the topic.

The object of the study is regional economic integration.

The subject of the study is regional economic integration in the North American region.

The purpose of the study is to identify the specifics and determine the trends in the development of regional economic integration within the framework of the NAFTA organization.

The theoretical significance of the study is that certain provisions of the study contribute to a more complete understanding of the integration that takes place within the framework of the NAFTA organization.

This work explores not only the phenomenon of regional integration, but also studies the features of its progress in the North American zone of integration and possible vectors for future development.

The separate results and conclusions of the study can serve to further expand and systematize knowledge in the field of economic sciences and international relations in the field of the laws of integration processes at the regional level. They can also be used for the subsequent study of regional integration processes.

Practical significance of the work. The main points and conclusions drawn from the study of integration processes in North America and within NAFTA can be used in the teaching process as part of teaching the disciplines of specialization "world economy", "international relations", "regional economy", etc.

The scientific novelty of the study is determined by an integrated approach to the problem of rapprochement of the NAFTA countries and consists in an attempt to generalize and summarize the existing potential of interaction between the North American states and to forecast the further development of integration processes within NAFTA.

Structure of the work. The work consists of an introduction, two chapters, which include 6 paragraphs, conclusions, a bibliographic list of used literature containing 106 sources, including 26 of them in foreign languages. The total amount of work is 96 pages of typewritten text.

Summary:

The objective basis for integration processes in the modern world is the tendency towards the internationalization of public life. The economic aspect of this trend is associated with a rapid increase in the volume of industrial production under the influence of scientific and technological progress and an even faster expansion of international trade. As a result, it is economic integration that becomes an essential factor of the modern world economy and world development as a whole.

The NAFTA integration processes had a significant impact on the economies of the USA, Canada, and Mexico: the agreement made a significant contribution to economic growth and the improvement of the living standards of the population in all three countries, and also helped to strengthen the positions of their economies in international markets. In recent decades, regardless of domestic political preferences, the leaders of the NAFTA countries focus on the development of the entire North American region, while touching on issues such as investment, innovations, ways to improve the interaction of private and public sectors of the

economy. In this regard, it is to be expected that in the future there will be an increase in NAFTA's performance, and interaction between participating States will expand in many areas.