SUMMARY

Subject of the thesis: Russian-Georgian relations: problems and prospects

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Relevance of the research issue: For today Georgia plays a vital role in the area of the South Caucasus, which, last but not least, determined by the characteristics of the regional policy of Tbilisi. The current political elite of Georgia wants to show himself as a political leader in the region, offering itself as a strategic ally and conductor of regional interests of Western countries. That is why any political or socio-economic processes in Georgia are important from the point of view of their impact not only on the situation in the country, but also in the Caucasus region as a whole.

The purpose of the work is research and identification of key areas of strategic interaction in the modern Russian-Georgian relations, as well as identifying the prospects for their development.

Research objectives:
- to study the factors contributing to the convergence of countries and the allocation of the key areas of cooperation;
- analyze the origin and progress of the Russian-Georgian relations;
- outline the key facts and features of the evolution of main areas of Russian-Georgian relations;
- to reveal the peculiarities of relations between Russia and Georgia after the formation of the CIS;
- to express the place of Russia in the resolution of conflicts in Georgia;
- identify possible prospects of development of relations between Russia and Georgia in the context of the South Ossetian conflict in 2008.
Scientific novelty: formulation and ways of solving current scientific and applied tasks of theoretical and methodological soundness need to improve Russian-Georgian relations strategic partnership based on the model of co-development in order to create favorable conditions for ensuring the national security of the Russian Federation on its southern borders.

Structure: the two chapters, containing six paragraphs, the conclusion and a 61-reference bibliography (twenty three of which are in foreign languages). The total volume is 86 pages.

Summary: In geopolitical terms, Georgia today can rightly be considered a key state in the Caucasus region. This status is determined by the geographical location, rich historical heritage, a high level of culture and education of the population, development of external relations. Relations with Georgia are important for Russia, because they are largely influenced by all of our policies in the region. Meanwhile, these relations have recently soured considerably.

The development of relations between Russia and Georgia is one of the priority areas in the region, and not only directly affects Russia and Caucasus countries. Lately, clearly visible attempts by the U.S. to gain a foothold in the Caucasus using Georgia as a base. If the U.S. attempts are successful, it would mean a number of negative consequences for Russia.