SUMMARY

Subject of the thesis: Globalization as a factor of influence on the economic development of federal states regions

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Relevance of the research issue: In the modern conditions of interdependency globalization represents a comprehensive and complex phenomenon affecting practically all aspects of human lives. That is why it is very important to study the influence of globalization on political links and relations in the modern world, including in the sphere of international links of federal states regions. In the thesis regions' international links of two federal states (the Russian Federation and the German Federal Republic) are considered as an example of influence of globalization on the system of international links of federal states regions. Moreover comparative analysis of influence of globalization on the development of regions’ international links of these states is given.

The purpose of the work is to analyze influence of globalization on the development of international links of federal states regions using example of the Russian Federation and the German Federal Republic.

Research objectives:

1. To define the features of modern world order model in the context of influence of globalization on the modern interstate links system.

2. To analyze the interconnection between globalization and regionalization in the form of integration processes development.

3. To define the specific features of influence of globalization on the international links of federal states regions.

4. To conduct comparative analysis of influence of globalization on the international links of regions of the Russian Federation and the German Federal Republic.

5. To define possible advantages and negative effects of international links of federal states regions in conditions of globalization using the example of the Russian Federation and the German Federal Republic.

Scientific novelty:

1. The specific features of influence of globalization on the international links of federal states regions are defined.

2. Comparative analysis of regions’ international ties of the Russian Federation and the German Federal Republic in the conditions of globalization is conducted.

Structure: two chapters containing three paragraphs, conclusion and 107-reference bibliography (37 of which are in foreign languages). Total volume is 90 pages.

Summary: In the thesis the following fact is highlighted: it is the federal states regions that are more mobile in organizing their international activities in the
globalization process, as constitutions of federal states give them more independence and freedom in their international relations than constitutions of unitary states give to their regions. And the level of regions’ independence and freedom is defined by separation of powers between central and regional authorities. In their international relations regions pursue certain objectives (political, economic, humanitarian and sociocultural) that are very diverse and originate from the current interests of federal states and their regions. According to the principle of rational distribution of functions and separation of powers between central and regional authorities in the sphere of international relations, regions fulfill these objectives in strict compliance with the powers defined by their constituitions and under the control of federal authorities. Regionalization is a profound dynamic process of increasing volume, frequency and diversity of economic links between business entities of all property forms and between states in the framework of a certain region, accompanied by growth of quality and quantity of jointly formed and implemented elements of their economic policy and practice. Increasing regions’ capabilities to find resources on the international scene for solving their local problems, on the one hand, positively influences both the whole federal state and the territorial-administrative unit itself. International links of regions contribute to the implementation of both regional and national interests, to confidence building with foreign states and to strengthening of bilateral relations.

More detailed studying of modern world processes reveals the direct influence on such an important sphere of countries’ external activities as international and external economic links both of states and of their regions. In the conclusion it is worth mentioning that in the system of international relations as a result of the break-up of bipolar world and of the globalization process a new situation and structure of relations between states and their regions has been formed.