

## SUMMARY

**Subject of the thesis:** Russia and China: the optimal model of cross-border cooperation.

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**Relevance of the research issue:** to condition by globalization trends that occur quite uneven and contradictory, dramatically increasing interdependence of countries, multilateral integration processes activating regions. Distance decreased due to the global information space, placement of industrial production became less dependent on natural and transport and economic conditions, and the value of state borders - less constraining. These circumstances actualize the task of scientific understanding of the role of cross-border cooperation between regions in foreign trade and foreign policy of the modern state.

For Russia, the issues related to cross-border cooperation., which with the collapse of the USSR and the emergence of Russia as an independent state for more than half of its subjects steel border. With the increasing interaction of frontier subjects of the Russian Federation and neighboring states, which give them the impulses of economic and cultural development to a much greater extent than the political and economic center of the country, need to rethink the strategy and policy of the Russian state border gives added urgency to our research.

The main implemented to date Russian Federation models are European cross-border cooperation (institutional), which requires our country to a high degree of decentralization of the regions, significant financial investments, and to problems in bilateral relations between Russia and the EU, and the post-Soviet (traditional), using traditional tools of interaction in many cases do not correspond to actual tasks of Russia's integration into the global economy. These trends give conceptual understanding of the relevance of the task options, mechanisms and ways to improve cross-border policies of the Russian Federation and the search for strategic partners for joint implementation.

To date, such a partner for Russia is China's economic contacts, programs and joint investment projects with which our country has steadily increased. However, economic cooperation with China, with many important advantages and prospects,

entails a number of real and potential threats to Russia's security, deterministic migration problems, "kitaizatsii" Far Eastern regions, etc. These circumstances actualize the theoretical and practical need for an analysis of specific mechanisms directions and cross-border cooperation between Russia and China, to determine their effectiveness and prospects for use, as well as search and conceptual model validation of cross-border cooperation between the two states, optimal at this stage of development for strategic partnerships in both countries.

Thus, the problem is stated as a scientific theoretical and practical significance, and that led to the choice of the theme of our research.

**The purpose** of the work is explore the concept of frameworks and strategic interests of cross-border cooperation between Russia and China and the construction of the optimal model of its implementation in contemporary realities.

**Research objectives:**

- systematize the conceptual approaches to the definition of "borderland" and "cross-border cooperation" in the modern political science;
- characterize existing models and types of cross-border cooperation in the context of border policy of the Russian Federation;
- identify the strategic interests and directions of the cross-border cooperation between Russia and China at the present stage;
- to offer an optimal model of Russian-Chinese cooperation in the area of the border.

**Scientific novelty:** to systematize the conceptual approaches to understanding the nature and scope of cross-border cooperation in the foreign policy priorities of the modern state; determining the effectiveness of cross-border cooperation of key models used in modern Russian practice, analysis strategies and the development of border partnership between Russia and China and the construction of an optimal model for further development of cross-border cooperation between the two countries based on common interests, challenges and threats.

**Structure:** purpose, objectives, and the internal logic of the research problem and consists of an introduction, two chapters, including a section 4, conclusions, bibliography of references containing 104 sources, including 33 of them - in English and Chinese languages, and applications 5 . Total amount of work is 76 pages of typescript.

**Summary:** For today, China is a key partner for Russia in the area of cross-border cooperation. However, foreign contacts with China having a plurality of advantages and prospects, compounded by a number of problems associated with increased migration, preferred orientation interaction Far Eastern regions of Russia on cooperation in China, by passing the central regions of Russia, as well as the growing economic, political and military power China causing alertness on the part of the Russian leadership. Taking into consideration the resource potential of border areas of both countries, their strategic interests and objectives of foreign policy development, the prospects for further cross-border cooperation between the two countries largely depend on their joint activities in the areas of strengthening the legal framework of cross-border cooperation, the development of an overall strategy of migration policy to counter risks "kitaizatsii" Russian border territories, joint investment projects relying on mutual interest, optimization and stabilization of commodity structure of Russian exports to China and expanding the market for Russian goods and services. Comprehensive implementation of these initiatives will help create an optimal model for both countries, cross-border cooperation in accordance with their mutual interests and strategic development objectives.