

**Supervisor's Review of the
Master's Thesis Submitted by Daniel Kozin
“A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF THE FOREIGN POLICY DISCOURSES OF
RUSSIA AND THE UNITED STATES FROM 2012 TO 2016”**

Studying the contemporary foreign policy of Russia and the U.S. could be approached from different perspectives. It's clear that current tensions between two countries are based not only in changing situative factors but in much deeper structures of political mentality and mutual peceptions, formed in decades. This makes the constructivist approach a promising tool for studying the topic The conflict around Syria is the good case which can demonstrate different views of Russia and the U.S. to a major foreign policy problem.

The dissertation of Daniel Kozin, devoted to the studying of the U.S.-Russia political discourse in Syrian conflict, is an important contribution to the scholarly efforts on the subject. It is based on diverse materials and written in full accordance with the highest academic standards. Using of quntative and qualitative methods, applying them to materials of discussions in the U.N. Security council allowed to make important conclusions about the linguistic base of the U.S.-Russia contradictions on Syria. Author demonstrates not only his qualification as a researcher, but the fine literature talent — the dissertation is written by very good scholarly style.

As Daniel's scientific adviser, I was not busy a lot, because he proved to be very independent and skillful researcher, with clear understanding of his subject, goal and objectives. I consider that Daniel's conclusions are very clear, well reasoned and fully supported by empirical data.

The dissertation, written by Daniel Kozin, is the high quality research work and can be given an “excellent” grade.

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