

**REVIEWER'S RESPONSE
FINAL QUALIFICATION WORK**

Theme of the final qualifying work: "Ethno-contact zones as a factor in the emergence of national geopolitical projects on the example of the Balkan region"

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Requirements	5	4	3	2	*)
Actuality of the theme of work	+				
The degree of completeness of the survey of the state of the question and the correctness of the formulation of the problem	+				
The level and correctness of the use of research methods, mathematical modeling, calculations, etc. in the work.	+				
Degree of competence of the work, application of knowledge of general professional and special disciplines in it	+				
Clarity, clarity, consistency of research, consistency and validity of presentation	+				
Application of modern software using GIS, computer and other technologies	+				
Quality of registration (general literacy level, style of presentation, quality of illustrations, compliance with the requirements of the standard)	+				
The volume and quality of the execution of the graphic material, its correspondence to the text	+				
Originality and novelty of the results obtained, research or application solutions	+				
Degree of independence of work performed	+				

*) - is not evaluated (difficult to assess)

Noted advantages of work

Among the main merits of this work can be attributed the relevance of the research topic, the large amount of analytical work performed by its author, the use of numerous scientific sources and analytical materials, a significant number of authoring cards. The cartographic material makes it possible to make a large array of empirical information used in the work that is visual and accessible for visual analysis. The work contains a thorough theoretical chapter, and its analytical part is preceded by a detailed historical and geographical overview of the situation in the Balkan region, which allows the reader to see the current geopolitical processes in their historical context. It can be noted that the author did not confine himself to analyzing only the ethnic aspects of the problem, but linked them to socioeconomic ones by including the human development index in the analysis.

Reported deficiencies of work

I did not find any significant shortcomings in the work. There are insignificant errors in the design (for example, there is a failure in the numbering of drawings). It causes some bewilderment of the map scheme in Figure 9, in which all territorial units are painted in one color. In summary charts (Figures 10 and 14), it would be possible to give a note indicating which territorial units were used (this information is in the text of the work). These are trifles, which can not in any way reduce the high appraisal of the work as a whole.

Reviewer's conclusion:

The reviewed thesis written by Marinina Polina Vladimirovna is an independent research on the relevant topic, is properly framed, contains original materials and significant conclusions. In case of successful defense, the thesis deserves an excellent grade.



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