

REVIEW

by **research supervisor** of the graduate qualification paper submitted by the second-year student of the International Relations (in English) master's program at SPbSU

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titled **Modern NATO Policy towards the South Caucasus**

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1. Assessment of the paper:

No.	Assessment Criteria (codes of competences according to curriculum)	Grade: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• excellent, A (5.0)• good, B (4.5)• good, C (4.0)• satisfactory, D (3.5)• satisfactory, E (3.0)• unsatisfactory, F (0.0)¹	Reviewer's Comments (mandatory for those criteria on which the paper is assessed critically or downgraded)
1.	Academic relevance of the research problem (ОПК-4, ПКА-5)	A	
2.	Scholarly contribution by the author (ОПК-4, ПКА-2, ПКА-3, ПКА-5, ПКА-6, ПКП-9)	A	
3.	Appropriateness of the research objective, coherence of research objective and research tasks (ОПК-4, ПКА-2, ПКА-5, ПКА-6, ПКА-10, ПКП-9)	A	
4.	Quality of the empirical scope and of the primary sources review (ПКА-2, ПКА-7, ПКП-4)	B	The list of different types of sources could be expanded to include the reports of think-tanks & mass media.
5.	Comprehensiveness of secondary sources (academic literature) employed by the author (ПКА-2, ПКА-7)	B	The list of secondary sources could be expanded to include more recent works that explore regional security dynamics as well as evaluation of effectiveness of partnership (including individual programs and activities) between individual states of South Caucasus and NATO
6.	Adequacy of chosen research methods to the stated research objective and research tasks (ПКА-2, ПКА-8, ПКА-10)	A	
7.	Correspondence of empirical results to the stated research objective and research tasks (ОПК-7, ПКА-2, ПКА-3, ПКА-5, ПКА-	A	

¹ If the paper is assessed as "unsatisfactory" based on one of the criteria, the overall recommended grade for the paper is to be "unsatisfactory", in which case a reviewer presents his/her detailed arguments in the Comments section as well as in the Conclusion/Recommendations section.

	6, ПКП-4, ПКП-9)		
8.	Text formatting and editing (ОПК-7, ПКА-7)	A	
9.	Diligence, consistency, and responsibility demonstrated by the student when writing the paper (ОПК-7, УК-6)	A	
Average grade:		A	

2. Conclusion/Recommendations for the evaluation commission: A rather detailed research that provides a complicated picture of development of international political processes in South Caucasus and reflects on the role of the region in international relations. The objective of the research is met, the conclusions are substantive and well justified.

3. Recommended grade (in ECTS): A

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