

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 "THE EVOLUTION OF HYBRID THREATS FOR NATO: NEW CHALLENGES FOR THE ALLIANCE"

(title)

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) |
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| 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) | B | The objective of the research is primarily concerned to the phenomenon of hybrid threats and overlooks the ways of NATO's adaptation to it |
| 4. | Quality of the empirical scope and of the primary sources review (ПКА-2, ПКА-7, ПКП-4) | B | The list of groups of primary sources had to be expanded to include reports of think-tanks and mass media |
| 5. | Comprehensiveness of secondary sources (academic literature) employed by the author (ПКА-2, ПКА-7) | A | |
| 6. | Adequacy of chosen research methods to the stated research objective and research tasks (ПКА-2, ПКА-8, ПКА-10) | B | The basic method that the author had used was a case study. The author had to provide arguments for choosing each case as well as outline the design of the cases. |
| 7. | Correspondence of empirical results to the stated research objective and research tasks (ОПК-7, ПКА-2, ПКА-3, ПКА-5, ПКА-6, ПКП-4, ПКП-9) | A | The final results of the thesis fully comply with the objective and research tasks of the study |

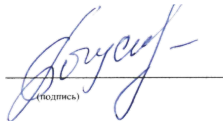
¹ If the paper is assessed as "unsatisfactory" based on one of the criteria, the overall recommended grade for the paper is to be "unsatisfactory", in which case a reviewer presents his/her detailed arguments in the Comments section as well as in the Conclusion/Recommendations section.

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| 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: The conclusion are based on a wide review of theoretical scholarly literature. The author proved his ability to analyze critically modern political concepts. His research on NATO's institutional adaptation is based on a broad empirical base. The conclusions made are independent and rather critical challenging the essence of the concept itself.

3. Recommended grade (in ECTS): A

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