

REVIEW

by research supervisor of the graduate qualification paper submitted by the second-year student of the “International Relation (in English)” master’s program at SPbSU

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1. Assessment of the paper:

No.	Assessment Criteria (codes of competences according to curriculum)	Grade: • 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)	excellent, A (5.0)	
2.	Scholarly contribution by the author (ОПК-4, ПКА-2, ПКА-3, ПКА-5, ПКА-6, ПКП-9)	excellent, A (5.0)	
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)	excellent, A (5.0)	
4.	Quality of the empirical scope and of the primary sources review (ПКА-2, ПКА-7, ПКП-4)	excellent, A (5.0)	
5.	Comprehensiveness of secondary sources (academic literature) employed by the author (ПКА-2, ПКА-7)	excellent, A (5.0)	
6.	Adequacy of chosen research methods to the stated research objective and research tasks (ПКА-2, ПКА-8, ПКА-10)	excellent, A (5.0)	
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)	excellent, A (5.0)	

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.

8.	Text formatting and editing (ОПК-7, ИКА-7)	excellent, A (5.0)	
9.	Diligence, consistency, and responsibility demonstrated by the student when writing the paper (ОПК-7, УК-6)	excellent, A (5.0)	
Average grade:			

2. Conclusion/Recommendations for the evaluation commission:

The thesis of Kseniia Kritskaia is a completely original and comprehensive study of the rising South Korean military export. The problem is examined in all relevant aspects: legal, institutional, economic, and political. External and domestic dimensions of the policy are considered. A good empirical study and adequate critical analysis of Korean government's policy in the field made it possible to answer the main research question, and the answer seems to be well founded and convincing. The main trends in South Korean defence export policy are presented as the main result of the extensive and high-quality analytical work of the author.

3. Recommended grade (in ECTS):

excellent, A (5.0)

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