

REVIEW

by **research supervisor** of the graduate qualification paper submitted by the second-year student of the 41.03.05 - «International relations», Education program BM.5569 «International Relations (in English)» master's program at SPbSU

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titled _____ NEW DRIVING FORCES IN THE NAGORNO-KARABAKH CONFLICT AS A CHALLENGE TO RUSSIA'S UNIQUE FOREIGN POLICY IN THE REGION _____

(title)

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) |
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| 1. | Academic relevance of the research problem (ОПК-4, ПКА-5) | A | It is one of the most threatening problems to security and stability in the South Caucasus |
| 2. | Scholarly contribution by the author (ОПК-4, ПКА-2, ПКА-3, ПКА-5, ПКА-6, ПКП-9) | B | Rather significant |
| 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 | Highly appropriate |
| 4. | Quality of the empirical scope and of the primary sources review (ПКА-2, ПКА-7, ПКП-4) | A | Choice and review of primary sources at the required academic level. |
| 5. | Comprehensiveness of secondary sources (academic literature) employed by the author (ПКА-2, ПКА-7) | A | Very good. |
| 6. | Adequacy of chosen research methods to the stated research objective and research tasks (ПКА-2, ПКА-8, ПКА-10) | B | Research methods, which have been used during study of the topic and presented at the thesis, are relevant to research of the Nagorny Karabakh conflict. |
| 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 | Results correspond to objective 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 <small>(ОПК-7, ПК-7)</small> | A | Good. |
| 9. | Diligence, consistency, and responsibility demonstrated by the student when writing the paper <small>(ОПК-7, УК-6)</small> | A | At the final stage of writing thesis our cooperation was very intensive and productive. |
| Average grade: | | A | |

2. Conclusion/Recommendations for the evaluation commission:

3. Recommended grade (in ECTS):

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