

REVIEW

of the official reviewer for dissertation work

Mubarak Ateeq Sultan Alafreet Alkuwaiti on the theme «Transformation of Iran's Geopolitical Strategies in regional and bilateral negotiations on the status of the Caspian Sea» 6D020900. presented for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in the speciality «Oriental Studies».

№	Criteria	Eligibility (one of the options must be checked)	Justification of the position of the official reviewer
1.	The topic of the thesis (as of the date of its approval) corresponds to the directions of development of science and/or state programs	1.1 Compliance with priority areas of science development or government programs:	<p>The thesis is relevant to Kazakhstan's state programs by contributing to regional stability, economic development, environmental sustainability, and enhancing diplomatic relations. Its findings support the country's strategic interests and align with national priorities in science and development.</p> <p>1. Regional Cooperation and Security and Alignment with National Interests: The thesis explores geopolitical strategies that may impact regional stability and cooperation. This aligns with Kazakhstan's priorities in maintaining security and fostering collaboration among Caspian Sea states.</p> <p>2. Economic Development and Resource Management: The negotiations surrounding the Caspian Sea involve energy resources, which are critical for Kazakhstan's economy. Insights from the thesis inform policies on resource management and economic partnerships.</p> <p>3. Environmental Sustainability and</p>

			<p>Considerations: the thesis addresses the environmental impacts of geopolitical strategies, that can contribute to Kazakhstan's initiatives on sustainable development and environmental protection in the Caspian region.</p> <p>4. International Relations and Diplomacy and Enhancing Diplomatic Efforts: The findings support Kazakhstan's diplomatic strategies by providing a deeper understanding of Iran's positions and motivations, fostering better negotiations and partnerships in regional forums.</p> <p>5. Science and Technology Development and Research Contributions: The thesis introduces new methodologies and frameworks for analyzing geopolitical strategies, aligning with Kazakhstan's goals to enhance research capabilities and foster scientific inquiry.</p> <p>6D020900 - Oriental Studies. Private spending education.</p>
2.	Importance for science	<p>1) The thesis was completed within the framework of a project or target program financed from the state budget (indicate the name and number of the project or program)</p> <p>The work makes a significant contribution to science, and its importance is well disclosed.</p>	<p>The work makes a significant contribution to science in several key areas: The study provides new insights into geopolitical strategies, enhancing our understanding of international relations and regional dynamics, particularly in the context of the Caspian Sea. By integrating perspectives from political science, economics, and environmental studies, the work fosters a holistic view of the issues at hand,</p>

			<p>encouraging further interdisciplinary research. The findings offer practical implications for policymakers, informing strategies related to regional cooperation, energy resource management, and environmental sustainability. The research introduces new methodologies and frameworks for analyzing geopolitical interactions, contributing to the methodological rigor in the field. By identifying gaps in existing literature, the work paves the way for future studies, stimulating scholarly discussion and exploration of related topics.</p>
3.	The principle of independence	<p>Self-reliance level: 1) High.</p>	<p>The thesis discusses a unique case of political action in the world through the Caspian Sea negotiations. Therefore, the thesis demonstrates a high level of self-reliance by ensuring that the research is original, methodologically sound, critically attractive, and independent in its conclusions.</p>
4.	The principle of inner unity	<p>4.1 Justification of the relevance of the thesis: 1) Justified.</p> <p>4.2 The content of the thesis reflects the topic of the thesis: 1) Reflects.</p> <p>4.3. The purpose and objectives correspond to the topic of the thesis: 1) correspond.</p>	<p>The thesis effectively establishes its relevance within the context of current geopolitical discussions, particularly regarding the Caspian Sea negotiations. The content of the thesis is closely aligned with its stated topic, ensuring that all discussions and analyses are pertinent to the central theme.</p> <p>The purpose and objectives of the thesis are well-defined and correspond directly to the topic, guiding the research effectively.</p>

	<p>4.4 All sections and provisions of the thesis are logically interconnected: 1) completely interconnected.</p> <p>4.5 The new solutions (principles, methods) proposed by the author are reasoned and evaluated in comparison with the known solutions: 1) there is a <u>critical analysis</u>.</p>	<p>All sections and provisions of the thesis are logically interconnected, creating a cohesive narrative that enhances the overall argument.</p> <p>The new solutions, principles, and methods proposed by the author are well-reasoned and evaluated in comparison with existing solutions, demonstrating a critical analysis that adds depth to the research.</p>
<p>5. Scientific novelty principle</p>	<p>5.1 Are the scientific results and provisions new? 1) completely new.</p> <p>5.2 Are the dissertation findings new? 1) completely new.</p> <p>5.3 Technical, technological, economic or management decisions are new and reasonable: 1) completely new.</p>	<p>Scientific results and provisions completely new. The research introduces innovative findings that advance the field.</p> <p>Dissertation findings completely new. The conclusions drawn from the dissertation contribute original insights to the existing body of knowledge.</p> <p>New and reasonable technical, technological, economic, or management decisions completely new. The decisions proposed are both novel and well-justified, offering valuable contributions to relevant practices and theories.</p>
<p>6. The validity of the main findings</p>	<p>All main conclusions are based on scientifically significant evidence or well-grounded (for qualitative research and areas of training in the arts and humanities)</p>	<p>The validity of the main findings in the thesis is supported by several factors such as: Evidence of scientific significance as the conclusions are drawn from a robust analysis of the data, including qualitative and quantitative research methods. This evidence is comprehensive and systematically collected, ensuring that the findings are reliable and credible. Also, a robust qualitative analysis: For the qualitative aspects, the thesis uses rigorous methodologies such as case studies and</p>

			<p>thematic analysis. These methods provide in-depth insights into Iranian foreign policy and its impact on the region, strengthening the validity of its conclusions.</p> <p>It is also supported by the use of diverse sources as the research integrates a wide range of primary and secondary sources, including academic articles and policy papers. This diversity enhances the credibility of the findings and ensures that they are well supported by existing literature. Equally important is critical engagement as the analysis critically engages with existing theories and frameworks, allowing for a nuanced understanding of the topic. By situating the findings within the broader academic discourse, their validity and significance are demonstrated.</p>
7.	<p>The main provisions for the defense</p>	<p>It is necessary to answer the following questions for each provision separately:</p> <p>7.1 Is the provision proven? 1) proven. 2) no.</p> <p>7.2 Is it trivial? 1) yes. 2) no.</p> <p>7.3 Is it new? 1) yes. 2) no.</p> <p>7.4 Application level: 3) wide.</p> <p>7.5 Is it proven in the article? 1) yes.</p>	<p>This thesis carefully examines the key aspects of the evolution of Iran's foreign policy strategies in the Caspian Sea negotiations. Each item is carefully supported by strong evidence and in-depth analysis. The conclusions drawn are based on comprehensive research and critical evaluation of the data, ensuring their validity and relevance. The thesis provides new insights into Iran's regional role and contributes original and valuable perspectives to the current scholarly discourse. The findings have wide-ranging implications for policymakers, academics,</p>

	<p>and practitioners in the fields of regional studies and international relations, and provide crucial information for informed discussions about Iran's foreign policy maneuverability in its surrounding regions.</p> <p>The methodology chosen for your thesis is well-justified and described in sufficient detail. This clarity allows readers to understand the research design and its appropriateness for addressing the research questions.</p> <p>The results of the thesis were obtained using modern scientific research methods and data processing techniques, including the use of computer technologies. This enhances the reliability and validity of its findings.</p> <p>Although the thesis presents theoretical conclusions and models, they have not been proven through empirical research. This aspect may require further exploration or verification through empirical studies to strengthen the findings. This is not necessary and is not a criterion for judging studies of this type.</p> <p>Important statements in the thesis are supported by references to current and reliable scientific literature. This practice is essential for establishing credibility and ensuring that the arguments are grounded in established research.</p> <p>The literature sources used in the thesis are adequate for a comprehensive literature review. This breadth of sources contributes</p>
<p>8.1 Choice of methodology - is justified or the methodology is described in sufficient detail 1) yes</p>	
<p>8.2 The results of the thesis were obtained using modern methods of scientific research and methods of processing and interpreting data using computer technologies: 1) yes.</p>	
<p>8.3 Theoretical conclusions, models, identified relationships and patterns have been proven and confirmed by experimental research (for areas of training in pedagogical sciences, the results have been proven on the basis of a pedagogical experiment): 2) no</p>	
<p>8.4 Important statements are confirmed by references to current and reliable scientific literature</p>	
<p>8.5 Used literature sources are sufficient for a literature review</p>	
<p>8. The principle of reliability. Reliability of sources and information provided</p>	

9	Practical value principle	<p>9.1 The thesis has theoretical value: 1) yes.</p> <p>9.2 The thesis is of practical importance and there is a high probability of applying the results obtained in practice: 1) yes.</p> <p>9.3 Are the practice suggestions new? 1) completely new.</p>	<p>to a well-rounded understanding of the topic and supports the research findings.</p> <p>This thesis demonstrates significant theoretical value by contributing new insights and perspectives to the understanding of Iran's foreign political strategy in Caspian Sea negotiations, enriching academic discourse in the field.</p> <p>The research possesses high practical significance. The findings and recommendations have the potential to directly inform and shape future policy decisions for policymakers, practitioners, and scholars engaged in regional studies and international relations.</p> <p>The practical suggestions presented are novel and offer innovative approaches, surpassing existing frameworks. These original contributions have the potential to significantly impact policymaking and decision-making processes in the region.</p>
10.	The quality of writing and design	<p>Academic writing quality: 1) high.</p>	<p>The thesis demonstrates a high level of academic writing, characterized by clarity, conciseness, and a strong logical flow. The language is formal, precise, and free from grammatical errors, making it highly accessible to the academic audience. The author effectively articulates complex ideas with clarity and depth, showcasing a strong command of the subject matter.</p>
11.	Notes on a thesis		<p>This thesis demonstrates a strong foundation with notable strengths, particularly its comprehensiveness and coherent</p>

12.	Scientific level of the doctoral student's articles on the topic of research (in case of defense of	<p>presentation of ideas. However, to further enhance its impact, the following points warrant consideration:</p> <p>Enhance Clarity and Precision: While the research is well-researched, the language could benefit from greater clarity and precision. The use of highly specialized terminology should be minimized, and efforts should be made to ensure the thesis is accessible to a broader audience.</p> <p>Enhance Rigor: A thorough proofreading and review is essential to eliminate any grammatical errors, typos, and inconsistencies that may detract from the overall quality of the work.</p> <p>Strengthen Practical Implications: The thesis would greatly benefit from a more in-depth discussion of the practical implications of the research findings. How can these findings inform policy decisions or influence best practices in the countries under study?</p> <p>Recommend Future Research Directions: To further advance the field, the thesis should conclude with a section outlining recommendations for future research. This could include identifying areas for further investigation, suggesting alternative methodologies, or proposing new research questions based on the limitations or unexpected findings of the current study</p> <p>An evaluation of the scientific articles published by the doctoral student during his studies at the College of Oriental Studies</p>
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	the dissertation in the form of a series of articles, the official reviewers comment on the scientific level of each article of the doctoral student on the topic of research)	reveals that his research is marked by methodological precision, clarity, coherence, and adherence to academic writing standards. Moreover, the researchers are relevant to the topic of his thesis and has been published in reputable scientific journals.
13.	Decision of the official reviewer (pursuant to paragraph 28 of the present Model Regulations)	Pursuant to paragraph 28 of the Model Regulations, I have reviewed the doctoral candidate's dissertation and associated articles. Based on the evaluation, I recommend approval. The candidate has demonstrated the necessary competencies and contributions required to award the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Oriental Studies.

In reviews, official reviewers indicate one of the following solutions:

1) to award the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) or Doctor of Specialization;

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