

CONCLUSION

of the Dissertation Council for the group of specialties/educational programs "6D020900, 8D02209 – Oriental Studies" at Al-Farabi Kazakh National University on the dissertation of Abdalla Moh'd Dyab al-Nouimat titled "*Central Asia and the Caucasus in the Foreign Political Strategy of Iran (1991-2018)*", submitted for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in the specialty "6D020900 – Oriental Studies" (Protocol No. 1 dated March 13, 2025).

1. Based on the results of the defense and secret ballot, the Dissertation Council has decided to return the dissertation of Abdalla Moh'd Dyab al-Nouimat, titled "*Central Asia and Caucasus in the Foreign Political Strategy of Iran (1991-2018)*" for revision to address the following comments:

1) Insufficient Development of Theoretical Foundations

The dissertation mentions multiple theories; however, their content, key principles, and applicability to the research topic remain unexplored. During the defense, the candidate could not fully explain how these theories are integrated into the study and how they contribute to understanding the research subject. It is essential to clearly define which theoretical approaches are being used and justify their selection.

2) Weak Methodological Framework

The methodological section is underdeveloped. During the defense, the doctoral candidate failed to explain clearly what specific research was conducted, in what format, and using which methods. Moreover, there was no convincing justification for the choice of methodology. The revised version must specify the research methodology in detail, justify the selection of methods, and demonstrate their applicability to the analysis of the stated topic. It is crucial to provide a well-founded argument for the choice of these methods, substantiating their relevance within the study.

3) Descriptive Nature and Lack of In-Depth Analysis

The dissertation is predominantly descriptive, with little critical or analytical evaluation of the material. Many statements are not supported by argumentation, which diminishes the academic value of the work. It is necessary to deepen the analysis, provide more detailed conclusions, and substantiate them with data and scholarly justification.

4) Lack of Primary Sources

The dissertation exhibits a clear shortage of primary sources, which undermines the credibility and originality of the research. Furthermore, during the defense, the candidate was unable to explain why the selected body of

sources was sufficient and representative. The study should be supplemented with an analysis of primary documents, archival materials, official statements, and other significant sources.

5) Linguistic, Technical, and Editorial Deficiencies

The dissertation contains numerous errors in English, as well as technical and stylistic inconsistencies. A thorough editorial revision is required, including the correction of grammatical errors, improvement of formulations, and elimination of typos.

6) Lack of Visual Materials

During the defense, the candidate was unable to visually present the key research findings, which made their comprehension more difficult. The use of tables, charts, and graphs could significantly enhance the clarity of the material, structure the presentation, and make the study more convincing. It is recommended to include visual elements in the text to illustrate the key points of the research.

2. The revised dissertation must be submitted to the Dissertation Council within three months, with a possible extension of no more than three (3) months. The decision to extend the deadline period is made by the Dissertation Council based on a formal request from the doctoral candidate. If the revised dissertation is not submitted within the established timeframe, the doctoral candidate must undergo a repeated defense.

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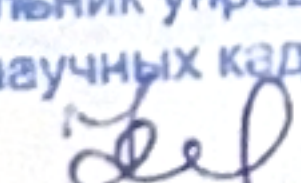


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