

REVIEW

of the official reviewer for dissertation work

**Abdalla Mohd Dyab al-Nouimat on the theme «Central Asia and the Caucasus in Iran's foreign policy strategy (1991-2021)»
6D020900 presented for the degree of Philosophy (PhD) in the specialty «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 aligns with several priority areas of science development and government programs in Kazakhstan. Here's how it complies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Geopolitical Studies: the thesis analyzes Iran's geopolitical strategies and their implications for Central Asia and the Caucasus, which is essential for Kazakhstan's diplomatic initiatives. 2. Regional Security: the thesis provides insights into security dynamics and potential threats, aiding Kazakhstan in developing effective security strategies to maintain stability in the region. 3. Economic Cooperation: by examining Iran's economic strategies and their impact on Central Asia, the thesis informs Kazakhstan's economic policies and initiatives aimed at fostering trade relationships. 4. Cultural Diplomacy: the thesis explores the cultural ties between Iran and Central Asian states, supporting Kazakhstan's goals of enhancing cultural diplomacy and fostering regional solidarity. 5. Sustainable Development: this research provides insights into how Iran's foreign policy affects regional development, which is relevant to Kazakhstan's sustainable development initiatives. 6. Energy Policy: understanding Iran's role in regional energy dynamics inform Kazakhstan's energy strategies

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2.	Importance for science	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) The work makes a significant contribution to science, and its importance is well disclosed.
3.	The principle of independence	Self-reliance level: 1) High.
4.	The principle of inner unity	4.1 Justification of the relevance of the thesis: 1) Justified. 4.2 The content of the thesis reflects the topic of the thesis: 1) Reflects. 4.3. The purpose and objectives correspond to the topic of the thesis: 1) <u>correspond.</u> 4.4 All sections and provisions of the thesis are logically interconnected: 1) <u>completely interconnected.</u>
		Post-Soviet studies are of great scientific interest. Specialists study the geopolitical situation in Iran, the Caucasus and Central Asia and explain the changes that have taken place since 1991. The thesis exhibits a high level of self-reliance by ensuring that research is original, methodologically sound, critically engaging, and independent in its conclusions. The principle of inner unity ensures that all components of the thesis work together cohesively to support its overall argument and objectives. The thesis clearly articulates its significance in understanding Iran's foreign political strategy within Central Asia and the Caucasus. This relevance is supported by current geopolitical dynamics, making it timely and impactful. The thesis content is consistently aligned with its stated topic. Each chapter and section address aspects of Iran's foreign policy, ensuring that the focus remains on the central theme without deviating into unrelated areas. The stated purpose and objectives of the thesis are directly related to the topic. They guide the research and analysis, ensuring that every objective contributes to a deeper understanding of the thesis theme. Each section of the thesis builds upon previous content, creating a logical flow of ideas. This interconnectedness enhances the reader's comprehension and strengthens the overall argument, making it easy to follow the

		<p>4.5 The new solutions (principles, methods) proposed by the author are reasoned and evaluated in comparison with the known solutions: <u>1) there is a critical analysis.</u></p>	<p>progression of the analysis. The thesis includes a critical analysis of new solutions, principles, and methods. It effectively compares these with established ideas, providing a thorough evaluation that highlights the significance of its contributions to the existing body of knowledge.</p>
5.	Scientific novelty principle	<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>The scientific results and provisions presented in the thesis are completely new. The research contributes original insights into Iran's foreign policy strategies and their implications for Central Asia and the Caucasus, filling a gap in the existing literature. This originality is crucial for advancing the understanding of regional geopolitics and international relations.</p> <p>The findings of the thesis are also completely new. By analyzing Iran's interactions with Central Asian states and the Caucasus, its work offers fresh perspectives that have not been previously explored in depth. This adds significant value to the academic discourse surrounding Iran's foreign policy and its regional impact.</p> <p>The technical, technological, economic, or management decisions proposed in the thesis are completely new and reasonable. The research not only identifies innovative strategies that Iran employs but also evaluates their effectiveness and potential for application in other contexts. This aspect of the work is vital for policymakers and scholars interested in the practical implications of its findings.</p>
6.	The validity of the main findings	<p>All main conclusions are based on scientifically significant evidence or well-grounded (for qualitative research and areas of training in the arts and</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</p>

		humanities)	<p>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 thematic analysis. These methods provide in-depth insights into Iranian foreign policy and its impact on the region, strengthening the validity of its conclusions. 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. 7.2 Is it trivial? 2) no. 7.3 Is it new? 1) yes. 7.4 Application level: 3) wide. 7.5 Is it proven in the article? 1) yes.</p>	<p>Each provision presented in the thesis is, thoroughly proven and supported by rigorous evidence and analysis. The conclusions drawn are based on comprehensive research and a critical evaluation of data, ensuring their validity. The provisions address significant aspects of Iran's foreign political strategy that contribute meaningfully to the academic discourse. They offer relevant insights into current geopolitical issues in Central Asia and the Caucasus. The ideas presented are original and have not been extensively covered in existing literature, enhancing the academic contribution of the thesis. The findings have a broad application and are pertinent to policymakers, academics, and practitioners interested in regional studies and international relations. They provide valuable information for discussions on</p>

			<p>Iran's role in Central Asia and the Caucasus. The provisions are effectively demonstrated in the article, supported by evidence and critical analysis. Each claim is thoroughly validated, ensuring that the arguments presented are well-founded.</p>
8.	<p>The principle of reliability. Reliability of sources and information provided</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>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 to a well-rounded understanding of the topic and supports the research findings.</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>The thesis has significant theoretical value, contributing to the understanding of Iran's foreign political strategy in Central Asia and the Caucasus. The research provides new insights and perspectives that enrich the academic discourse in this field.</p> <p>The thesis is of high practical importance, and the results obtained have a high probability of being applied in practice. The findings and recommendations offer valuable insights for policymakers, practitioners, and scholars interested in regional studies and international relations.</p>
10.	The quality of writing and design	Academic writing quality: 1) high.	<p>The practice suggestions presented in the thesis are completely new, offering innovative and original ideas for policymakers and practitioners. These suggestions have the potential to inform and shape future policy decisions, making a meaningful impact in the region.</p> <p>The academic writing in the thesis is of high quality, characterized by clarity, coherence, and a well-structured argument. The language used is appropriate for an academic audience, and the ideas are articulated effectively, enhancing the overall readability of the work.</p>
11.	Notes on a thesis		<p>There are many positive remarks that can be commended in this thesis, perhaps the most prominent of which is its comprehensiveness and coherence. However, the following minor criticisms can be made:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Use clear and precise language, avoiding specialized terms unless necessary. Ensure readability and accessibility. 2. Proofread and review the thesis well to eliminate grammatical errors, typos, and inconsistencies. 3. Expand on discussing the practical implications of the research findings, including how they affect policies or practices in the countries of the two regions under study.

			4. Include recommendations for future research based on the limitations or findings of the study.
12.	Scientific level of the doctoral student's articles on the topic of research (in case of defense of 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)		An evaluation of the scientific articles published by the doctoral student during his studies at the College of Oriental Studies 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.

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

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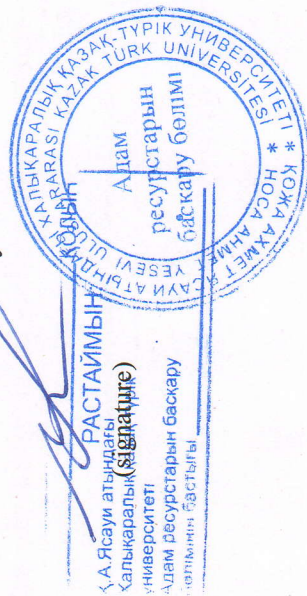
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