

REVIEW

of the official reviewer for the dissertation Zhaniya Abdiman Omirkhankyzy on the theme "Inaugural Address as Part of Political Discourse" submitted for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in the specialty "6D021000 - Foreign Philology"

№	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: 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) 2) The thesis was completed within the framework of another state program (indicate the name of the program) 3) The dissertation corresponds to the priority direction of the development of science, approved by the Higher Scientific and Technical Commission under the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan (indicate the direction)	The relevance of the topic of the thesis is beyond the doubt, as political discourse became one of the integral parts of modern linguistic discourse study. The Inaugural Address has not been thoroughly comparatively investigated yet from its sociocultural perspectives, though the language of political discourse especially the Inaugural Address attracts significant scholarly interest as it figures out the contemporary changes in a society. It reflects the topicality and the necessity for conducting this research. Moreover, the thesis goes in line with the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan "On Science and Technology Policy", strategic directions for National scientific development and the "Concept for the Development of Language Policy in the Republic of Kazakhstan for 2023-2029".

2.	Importance for science	The work makes/does not make a significant contribution to science, and its importance is well disclosed/not disclosed	The research findings make a significant contribution to the further development of political discourse study, as the thesis definitely discloses the genre, structural modelling and use of stylistic features in inaugural addresses of the presidents of the USA and Kazakhstan.
3.	The principle of independence	Self-reliance level: 1) High; 2) Medium; 3) Low; 4) No independence	The level of self-reliance demonstrated in this research is high, as evidenced by the analytical approach applied to the material and the Inaugural Address is determined as a specific genre of political discourse.
4.	The principle of inner unity	4.1 Justification of the relevance of the thesis: 1) Justified; 2) Partially justified; 3) Not justified. 4.2 The content of the thesis reflects the topic of the thesis: 1) Reflects; 2) Partially reflects; 3) Does not reflect	The relevance of the research topic is justified and undeniable, since Inaugural Address has not yet been sufficiently studied in terms of identifying it as a distinct genre of political discourse.
		4.3. The purpose and objectives correspond to the topic of the thesis: 1) <u>correspond</u> ; 2) partially correspond; 3) do not correspond	The purpose and objectives of the research are clearly formulated. The aim of the study is to analyze inaugural speech in a comparative perspective. The objectives focus on

		<p>4.4 All sections and provisions of the thesis are logically interconnected: <u>1) completely interconnected;</u> 2) the interconnection is partial; 3) there is no interconnection</p> <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> 2) partial analysis; 3) the analysis does not represent one's own opinions, but quotes from other authors</p>	<p>achieving the goal and revealing such aspects as classification of the definitions of political discourse, exploring its genre diversity and establishing the rhetorical techniques used in inaugural addresses of the presidents of the USA and Kazakhstan.</p> <p>All sections and provisions of the thesis are logically and cohesively connected in terms of both structure and content.</p> <p>The critical analysis of existing researches on political communication allows the author to substantiate Inaugural Address as a unique genre of political discourse and its functions. The methods proposed by the author enable to identify rhetorical devices as influential and persuasive.</p>
5.	Scientific novelty principle	<p>5.1 Are the scientific results and provisions new? 1) completely new; <u>2) partially new (25-75% are new);</u> 3) not new (less than 25% are new)</p>	<p><i>The first provision</i> of the research that states inaugural addresses as a unique genre of political discourse is new, as there is no similar attempt in this field to determine its functions in discourse researches. On the basis of comparative analysis of the inaugural addresses of the presidents of the USA and Kazakhstan the researcher identifies their universal and specific features.</p>

		<p><i>The second provision</i> is new as it shapes ideological statements which are embodied into the content and featured by ritual frame of inaugural addresses and expressed by the means of stylistic devices as pragmatic communicative strategies enhancing the essence of inaugural addresses.</p> <p><i>The third provision</i> is new as linguistic features peculiar to the inaugural addresses of the presidents of the USA and Kazakhstan are defined to differentiate common and specific conceptual ideas targeting the perception of the addressee due to the current political and social context.</p> <p><i>The fourth provision</i> is new as the following discrepancies of the inaugural addresses are defined as noticeable: it highlights differences in perception shaped by culture, worldviews, political and social systems and religious context in inaugural addresses of the compared countries.</p>
	<p>5.2 Are the dissertation findings new?</p> <p>1) completely new;</p> <p>2) <u>partially new (25-75% are new)</u>;</p> <p>3) not new (less than 25% are new)</p>	<p>The findings of the thesis are new. Based on thorough analysis of the existing researches on subject matter, the author of the thesis was able to clearly identify the features specific to the Inaugural Address and classify it as the specific genre of the political discourse. The deep content analysis</p>

			of the inaugural addresses of presidents of the United States of America and the Republic of Kazakhstan has proven that the ideological statements are articulated by appealing to the history as the source of values, unity of the nation and declaration of political principles by means of such rhetoric devices as metaphor, repetition and antithesis; the pragmatic intention of using of pronoun <i>we</i> and shifting from individual to collective governance between compared languages.
		5.3 Technical, technological, economic or management decisions are new and reasonable: 1) completely new; 2) <u>partially new (25-75% are new)</u> ; 3) not new (less than 25% are new)	The technologic solutions are new as the author presents an algorithm of uncovering the genre specification and functioning of inaugural address.
6.	The validity of the main findings	All main conclusions are/are not based on scientifically significant evidence or well-grounded (for qualitative research and areas of training in the arts and humanities)	The finding of the research methodologically proved as they are based on clear understanding of discourse theory, the used methods are applicable to the material of the research.
7.	The main provisions for the defense	It is necessary to answer the following questions for each provision separately: 7.1 Is the provision proven? 1) proven; 2) rather proven; 3) rather not proven; 4) not proven 7.2 Is it trivial? 1) yes;	The first provision is proven as it is based on analysis of the political discourse studies development from its beginning in the ancient Greece times till the present time researches identifying all their aspects. Moreover, the author underlined the differences between broad and

		<p>2) no</p> <p>7.3 Is it new?</p> <p>1) yes;</p> <p>2) no</p> <p>7.4 Application level:</p> <p>1) narrow;</p> <p>2) medium;</p> <p>3) wide</p> <p>7.5 Is it proven in the article?</p> <p>1) yes;</p> <p>2) no</p>	<p>narrow understanding of political discourse and its distinct features. Different approaches to the study of political discourse and genre diversity of political discourse. in Modern Linguistics are systemized. The thorough study of existing classification of political discourse genre allowed to determine genre specifications of inaugural address. The second provision is proven. The author compared the structures of inaugural addresses of the Presidents of the USA and Kazakhstan figuring out components like introduction, main body and conclusion. She describes each component in terms of linguistic modelling finding the common and specific features like appeal to the history, unity of the nation and declaration of the political principles which are expressed by means of such rhetorical devices as metaphors, parallelism, antithesis, and repetition. The third provision is proven through the results of language analysis and expressed thoughts in inaugural addresses of the presidents of compared countries in the study. The analysis of frequently used pronoun <i>we</i> expresses two different ideas, particularly in the US it is used in addressing the entire</p>
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8.	The principle of reliability Reliability of sources and information provided	8.1 Choice of methodology - is justified or the methodology is described in sufficient detail 1) yes; 2) no	The choice of methodology is justified by exploring a vast body of scholarly works in the field of political discourse.
		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; 2) no	The findings of the thesis were analyzed by means of discourse analysis, linguistic analysis, comparative and quantitative analysis, etc.
		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): 1) yes; 2) no	The objectives of the given research did not involve the justification through experimental methods.
		8.4 Important statements are confirmed / partially confirmed / not confirmed by references to current and reliable scientific literature	Key statements are fully supported by references to relevant and reliable academic literature.
		8.5 Used literature sources are sufficient/not sufficient for a literature review	A detailed review and analysis of the relevant scientific literature allowed to achieve the presented results of the research.
9	Practical value principle	9.1 The thesis has theoretical value: 1) yes; 2) no	The theoretical value of the current study could be explained with the definite contribution to the further development of political discourse theory and the theory of genre.
		9.2 The thesis is of practical importance and there is a high probability of applying the results obtained in practice: 1) yes; 2) no	As for the practical importance, it should be noted that the obtained results could be applied to designing special courses on political discourse

		<p>9.3 Are the practice suggestions new?</p> <p>1) completely new; 2) partially new (25-75% are new); 3) not new (less than 25% are new)</p>	<p>analysis, inaugural speech specification, communicative strategies in political speech, and translation issues of political discourse.</p> <p>As the inaugural speech specifications have been under the research for the first time, the practical suggestions are completely new in terms of comparative analysis of Inaugural Address and recommendations to the speechwriters.</p>
10.	The quality of writing and design	<p>Academic writing quality:</p> <p>1) high; 2) average; 3) below average; 4) low.</p>	<p>The thesis is written in highly proficient academic writing style.</p>
11.	Notes on a thesis		<p>Some remarks on the thesis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - it would be better to underline theoretical significance of the study more precisely in Introduction of the thesis; - while the thesis is well-written, it contains occasional stylistic inconsistencies: e.g. unnecessary capitalization of the word <i>Impact</i> (P.15); stylistically inappropriate use of the phrase "<i>make classification</i>" which is recommended to change for more academically correct version "<i>classify</i>".

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)		The issued articles are relevant to the topic of the study. The achieved results of the research are highlighted in the publications.
13.	Decision of the official reviewer (pursuant to paragraph 28 of the present Model Regulations)		The thesis "Inaugural Address as Part of Political Discourse" submitted to the defence is a completed study. I fully support the conferral of the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in 6D021000 - Foreign Philology upon Abdiman Zhaniya Omirkhankyzy.

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