

Brief information about the project

Title	AP19677768 “The Pragmatic Experience of the Confucian Development Model in East Asian Countries: China, Japan, Singapore, South Korea”
Relevance	<p>The 30th anniversary of the Republic of Kazakhstan's independence marks a period for reflecting on the reforms undertaken, evaluating achieved results, and recognizing past mistakes. As the country embarks on building a “New Kazakhstan,” it is of great importance to clearly define the path of further development and improve the effectiveness of ongoing state reforms. Several countries within the Confucian cultural sphere that have experienced rapid dynamic growth present successful examples of accelerated societal modernization and are now offering distinct development models. The specific experiences of these countries require thorough examination. A theoretical understanding of the social transformation processes in Eastern societies—where universal modernization principles are synthesized with Confucian traditions—can undoubtedly support the formulation of a Kazakhstani concept of a “prosperous society” rooted in national identity and cultural distinctiveness.</p>
Goal	<p>The aim of the project is to conduct a comprehensive study and comparative analysis of the successful development models of Eastern countries—China, Japan, Singapore, and South Korea—whose trajectories have been significantly influenced by Confucian philosophy. The project seeks to identify each country’s reform strategy and, based on international experience, develop theoretical and practical recommendations for shaping effective public policy in the field of socio-economic development of Kazakhstani society.</p>
Tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To search, collect, study, and process sources in Kazakh, Russian, English, and Eastern languages found in Kazakhstani and international libraries in order to build a scientific and analytical database that ensures a comprehensive and in-depth examination of the issues raised within the research topic. • To study the place and role of Confucianism in the cultures of the examined countries, identifying the distinctive features of their Confucian development models and the core principles of their functioning. • To analyze the main indicators of socio-economic development in China, Japan, South Korea, and Singapore, and to determine the primary characteristics of each national model. • To explore the features of the socio-cultural structures (education systems, social security systems, etc.) of the countries studied and consider the issue of national identity as a component of the development model. • To examine institutional mechanisms for improving the standard of living of the populations in the selected East Asian countries. • To conduct a critical assessment of the effectiveness and efficiency of the social policies in the studied countries and evaluate the applicability of their experiences to solving social problems in Kazakhstan.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To identify the main motivational factors behind the implementation of the selected development models and compare them with the context of the Republic of Kazakhstan. • To develop and propose a set of recommendations for utilizing the positive experience of the Eastern countries in shaping Kazakhstan’s development strategy, taking into account the current situation and the country's competitive potential. • To integrate the obtained results into academic circulation within the framework of the “Oriental Studies” educational program through presentation at scientific conferences, seminars, roundtables, and publication in academic journals.
Expected and Achieved Results	<p>Among the expected outcomes is the organization of a round table involving Kazakhstani Orientalist scholars on the topic of development issues in Eastern countries and the Republic of Kazakhstan, as well as the preparation and proposal of a set of recommendations for applying the positive experiences of the studied countries, taking into account the real conditions and competitive capabilities of the Republic of Kazakhstan, to shape a national development strategy.</p> <p>Expected results: at least one (1) article or review will be published in a peer-reviewed scientific journal indexed in the Web of Science (Social Science Citation Index or Arts and Humanities Citation Index) or in a journal included in the Scopus database with a CiteScore of at least the 35th percentile. Additionally, at least three (3) scientific articles or reviews will be published in foreign and/or domestic peer-reviewed journals recommended by the Committee for Quality Assurance in the Sphere of Science and Higher Education.</p> <p>As of today, all tasks outlined in the calendar plan are being implemented on schedule. Six (6) articles have already been published in journals recommended by the Committee. On November 29, 2024, an international scientific-practical conference titled “PRAGMATIC EXPERIENCE OF EASTERN COUNTRIES’ DEVELOPMENT” was held, and a collection of conference proceedings was published.</p>
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