

REVIEW

of the foreign scientific consultant PhD, associate professor, professor of Istanbul University, Ayna Askeroglu Arslan on the doctoral dissertation of Sanzhar Makhammaduly on topic “Theoretical and methodological foundations for the study of U.S.A. - China relations in the period of transformation of the world order” submitted for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in the specialty 6D020200 – International Relations

1. Relevance of the research topic

The doctoral dissertation of Sanzhar Makhammaduly represents a comprehensive and independent scientific study devoted to the analysis of theoretical and methodological foundations for the study of USA - China relations in the context of the transformation of the contemporary world order.

The relevance of the research topic is determined by the fact that the modern system of international relations is undergoing profound structural changes associated with the redistribution of global power, transformation of international institutions, and intensification of strategic competition among leading world powers. In this context, relations between the United States of America and the People’s Republic of China have become one of the key factors shaping the emerging architecture of global politics.

The strategic rivalry and interaction between the USA and China significantly influence political, economic, technological, and geopolitical processes worldwide. These developments directly affect global governance, international security, and the formation of new models of international cooperation and competition.

Therefore, the development of new theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of USA - China relations is of particular scientific and practical importance for contemporary international relations research.

2. Scientific results in accordance with the requirements for doctoral dissertations

First result: a comprehensive theoretical interpretation of USA - China relations as a system-forming factor in the transformation of the contemporary international order has been carried out.

Second result: a comparative analysis of major theoretical approaches to the study of USA - China relations within different schools of international relations theory has been conducted.

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Sixth result: an original structural-functional analytical model of USA - China relations has been developed, enabling a comprehensive analysis of their impact on global political processes.

3. Degree of validity and reliability of the scientific results and conclusions

The validity and reliability of the scientific results and conclusions are ensured by the use of a comprehensive theoretical and methodological framework.

The dissertation applies methods of systemic analysis, comparative analysis, elements of geoeconomic analysis, and political modeling. These methodological approaches allowed the author to comprehensively analyze the dynamics of USA - China relations and their impact on the transformation of the global order.

An important advantage of the dissertation is the extensive use of a wide range of academic sources, including works by leading international and domestic scholars in the field of international relations, global politics, and geoeconomics.

4. Assessment of the internal consistency of the results

The dissertation research conducted by Sanzhar Makhhammaduly demonstrates a clear and logically structured academic work. All sections of the dissertation are interconnected and consistently aimed at achieving the research objectives. The theoretical analysis is well integrated with methodological considerations and analytical conclusions. The findings presented in the dissertation logically follow from the conducted research and possess both scientific novelty and analytical significance.

5. Orientation of the results toward solving relevant scientific problems

The results obtained in the dissertation contribute to the further development of research in the field of international relations, global politics, and geoeconomics.

The theoretical and methodological approaches proposed by the author may be applied in the analysis of contemporary international processes as well as in

academic teaching within courses on international relations, world politics, and global political economy.

The practical significance of the research lies in the possibility of applying its findings to the analysis of strategic interactions between leading global powers and forecasting the evolution of the international system.

6. Compliance with the requirements of the “Rules for Awarding Academic Degrees”

Based on the above, it can be concluded that the doctoral dissertation of Sanzhar Makhammaduly entitled “Theoretical and Methodological Foundations for the Study of U.S.–China Relations in the Period of Transformation of the World Order”, submitted for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in the specialty 6D020200 – International Relations, fully meets the requirements for doctoral dissertations.

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