

## ABSTRACT

**Subject of the thesis:** Modern foreign policy of Poland: European dimension.

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**Relevance of the research topic.** The peculiarities of the foreign policy of the modern Republic of Poland as a member of the European Union and the North Atlantic Alliance and the nearest neighbour of the Russian Federation, demonstrates the ambiguity of the foreign policy course, based on the desire for international self-identification, great-power ambitions, «special relations» with the United States, Russophobia and anti-Russian speeches to assert its regional leadership in the Central European region, strengthen its role in the European process.

**The purpose of the research** is to identify the priorities of the foreign policy of the Republic of Poland in the European political space and the prospects of Polish-Russian relations.

### **Research Objectives:**

- to identify the essential characteristics of the concept of «foreign policy» as a political category;
- to determine the basis of formation and tools for the implementation of foreign policy of modern States;
- systematize by means of factor analysis the priorities and main directions of the foreign policy of the Republic of Poland;
- to identify the place and role of the Republic of Poland in the European political space and in the world;
- to analyze the state and prospects of Polish-Russian relations.

**The scientific novelty of the research:** the foreign policy of the Republic of Poland and its possible prospects are studied in the context of the processes reflecting the growing crisis of the European Union and competing conceptual constructions, and is as follows:

- the main factors that determine the modern role and place of the Republic of Poland in the European space and determine the country's foreign policy and foreign policy initiatives
- the priorities of the foreign policy pursued by the Republic of Poland at the present stage are determined, the state and prospects of the Polish-Russian relations are characterized.

**The structure of the work** consists of introduction, two chapters, which include five paragraphs each, a conclusion, a 172-reference bibliography (52 of them are in foreign languages) and three attachments. The total volume is 81 pages.

### **Summary**

The place and role of the Republic of Poland in the European space is determined on the one hand by the active membership in the EU and NATO, on the other - by the Polish multidirectional political elite, defending the principle of great power and the «special mission» of the country as one of the leading players of the EU.

The foreign policy of Poland, constructed under the influence of ideological attitudes shown through the government of the ruling right-conservative nationalist party «Law and solidarity» I. Kaczynski, based on the representation of the country as a victim of the totalitarian regimes of the twentieth century.

In Polish-Russian relations, which are going through a difficult period and burdened with negative historical memory, a close intertwining of the multi-vector aspects of Euro-Atlantic solidarity, national interests and security, foreign policy strategy that promotes their optimization and meets the interests of both countries, Poland should become a rejection of confrontation and its acceptance of the role of moderator of the discussion between Russia and its Western European partners.