

SUMMARY

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GEOPOLITICAL FEATURES OF THE BALKAN REGION IN THE CONDITIONS OF EUROINTEGRATION

This thesis is devoted to research of a geopolitical situation in the Balkan region in the course of eurointegration in that direction and as change of geopolitical space of the Balkans with the possible entry of Turkey into EU is considered.

Relevance of the real work consists in research of modern development of a situation on the Balkans – the geopolitical region with a high conflict potential.

The Balkans, traditionally were nodal point of crossing of interests and contradictions of various forces, the military-political power centers and superstates. This circumstance, undoubtedly, left the trace on process of historical development of the states of the region. In this sense, on the geography, culture, history, demographic structure and other factors defining the environment of safety, the Balkans are a peculiar region – the intersection of various ethnic groups, religions, cultures, civilizations, the international transport ways.

It should be noted that this perspective, as a whole, remains to insufficiently developed in domestic and foreign political science. At the same time, there is a significant amount of theoretical works devoted to global problems of political development and somewhat touching on issues of the Balkan region.

Object of research modern geopolitical processes on the Balkans.

Subject of research - transformation of geopolitical features of the Balkans in the conditions of eurointegration.

The purpose of this thesis consists in detection of geopolitical features of the Balkan region in the conditions of eurointegration.

For achievement of a purpose it is necessary to solve the following **problems**:

- to analyse approaches to definition geopolitics of the most known geopolitical schools of the world;
- to reveal the factors making a basis of geopolitical position of the state;
- to give the complex characteristic of a geopolitical alignment of forces on the Balkans proceeding from a level of development of the countries which are in the region;
- to consider from the geopolitical point of view expansion of EU 2007 and 2013;
- to open and analyse change of geopolitical space of the Balkans with the possible entry of Turkey into EU.

Scientific novelty of research is that within final qualification work the geopolitical situation on the Balkans is in details considered, taking into account theoretical materials and modern political realities – factors of globalization and new calls.