

Summary

The purpose of the research of dissertation *Relations between the metropolis and the subordinated territory on the example of Russian-Kazakh relations during the presidency of Dmitry Medvedev (2008-2012)* is examine the relationship between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Kazakhstan during the presidency of Dmitry Medvedev. In addition, the PhD thesis is aimed at assessing whether in the case of these dependencies we can speak of subordination of one state to another and - if so - in what categories. The considerations assume that the Russian Federation is a metropolis in this relation, and the Republic of Kazakhstan is a subordinated (dependent) territory.

Two main research questions were asked:

1. How was the policy of the Russian Federation towards the Republic of Kazakhstan implemented during the presidency of Dmitry Medvedev (in 2008–2012)?
2. Which areas of the policy pursued were the most important in building relations between the Russian Federation and the Republic of Kazakhstan?

This dissertation consists of an introduction, six chapters and an ending. The first chapter presents basic information about Russia and Kazakhstan, as well as discusses the internal situation of both countries in 2008, i.e. the year when D. Medvedev took over the presidency and the year of the global economic crisis.

The second chapter presents the relationship between the metropolis and the subordinated territory. Various approaches to this category have been presented, e.g. in the mind of neorealists and constructivists.

The third chapter deals with Russian-Kazakh cooperation in the field of the economy, and the fourth in the field of political relations.

The next – fifth – chapter examines mutual cultural and soft power relations.

The work ends with the sixth chapter on security and military aspects. One of the more important issues raised in this section is the issue of the Russian minority living in Kazakhstan.