REVIEW

of the dissertation of Albina Prniyazova «Cross-boundary Water Problems in Central Asia: Development and Prospects of Water Diplomacy in Kazakhstan», submitted for a doctorate degree in international relations, specialty «8D03115 – International Relations»

The relevance of the research topic in this paper is due to the importance of forming and promoting a positive image of Kazakhstan and the relevance of water cooperation among Central Asian countries in the field of international communications.

The most important tool for promoting positive relations between the Central Asian countries is public diplomacy. Therefore, the role of the use of diplomatic instruments, the formation of the practice of water diplomacy since historical times and its impact on the promotion of the foreign policy interests of Central Asian countries were studied and analyzed.

In modern times, the use of the term water diplomacy as a tool arising from public diplomacy in the context of information and communication technologies, as well as the active involvement of civil society representatives in the process of making managerial decisions on water regulation, will allow building an effective dialogue not only with the external, but also with the internal target audience between the countries of Central Asia.

Moreover, the issue of the correct and peaceful allocation of water resources for the Central Asian region and the formation of negotiation practices as one of the tools of water diplomacy provides an additional opportunity to promote a positive image of modern Kazakhstan based on the cultural traditions of the past, including the achievements of the present, as well as sustainable guidelines for favorable development in the future. All of the above explains the relevance and practical significance of the reviewed work, as well as its connection with general scientific and national programs.

The structure of the dissertation of A. Prniyazova corresponds to the objectives and goals of the research. The presentation of the content of the work is characterized by consistency and logic in revealing the set goals and objectives, the chosen subject and object of research. The object, subject, and purpose of the research are systematically defined and logically constructed, as well as the chronological framework, methodological basis, and degree of scientific sophistication of the topic.

The dissertation work can be described as completely independent. The dissertation was written by a single author, contains a set of new provisions, and its internal unity testifies to the author's personal contribution to political science. The dissertation research conducted by A.Prniyazova has a clear logical structure, the scientific results are characterized by internal unity and integrity, do not contradict each other and follow the research plan. The research is based on a sufficient theoretical basis and is based on the works of previous authors, including modern ones, and there is a critical analysis in the work. New solutions are reasoned and evaluated in comparison with known solutions. The author's theoretical conclusions are based on the study of doctrinal sources of both Kazakhstani and foreign authors and are confirmed by comparative analysis to the extent necessary for the purposes of the dissertation.

In addition, within the framework of the dissertation research, a fairly wide range of scientific, analytical and expert literature and regulatory documents were studied and researched. The practical significance of the conducted research makes it possible to use its results in educational courses. Thus, the dissertation of A.Prniyazova on the topic «Cross-boundary Water Problems in Central Asia: Development and Prospects of Water Diplomacy in Kazakhstan» is a completed, independent, scientific and qualifying work containing specific proposals and recommendations. A.Prniyazova deserves to be awarded a doctorate degree in the field of international relations.

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