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ABSTRACT OF THE DISSERTATION

Relations between India and China are becoming increasingly intertwined as both countries seek to regain their positions in world politics. They have significant demographic, economic and military potential, which makes them important players in the international arena. Common historical experiences and the desire for

modernization unite these countries in their efforts to strengthen regional and international trade. At the same time, they express dissatisfaction with the hegemony of the United States and strive for a multipolar world order. The 21st century is expected to become the century of Asia, where the influence of these countries will play a key role in international politics.

However, relations between India and China are not without tension. Historical and current territorial disputes, such as the Galvan incidents and the conflict over Aksai Chin and Arunachal Pradesh, continue to complicate their interaction. The struggle for hegemony and influence affects their pursuit of energy security and regional trade. This also affects their ties with other countries in the Indo-Pacific region. China's relations with Pakistan are of concern to India, while Beijing is concerned about New Delhi's growing ties with the United States and other countries. Both countries continue to build up military assets, which adds tension to their relations.

The purpose of this dissertation is to examine the historical context that has influenced the construction of Sino-Indian relations and to assess these relations in the contemporary stage.

The tasks are as follows:

- 1) to study the influence of historical background on the development of Sino-Indian relations:
 - 2) to study the current state of Sino-Indian relations;
- 3) to determine the place of China and India in the system of international relations in the world;
- 4) examining the prospects for the development and strengthening of Sino-Indian relations.

Chronologically, the study focuses on the period from 1990 to 2020. Methodologically, the research is based on the principle of historicism. A systematic approach, historical-descriptive and political-descriptive methods, and case studies were used to conduct the study.

Scientific novelty of the study:

- 1. The existing problems in Sino-Indian relations and the main problem areas in the relations between the two most populous countries in the world have been identified.
- 2. A political assessment of the current situation and prospects of Beijing-Delhi relations is given. The key element in this issue is the degree of cooperation between China and India in economic, political, financial, military and other fields.
- 3. The foreign policy factors affecting the bilateral relations between Beijing and New Delhi (the United States, Russia and Pakistan) are identified and their content is assessed.
- 4. On the basis of the analysis of bilateral relations, the author formulated provisions that allow optimizing the development of multilateral and bilateral cooperation on the models of RIC, SCO and BRICS.

Keywords: China, India, foreign policy, international relations, BRICS, cooperation.

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