

## **ABSTRACT**

**of a Doctoral Thesis for PhD in 6D020300 – History**

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### **The historical basis of the Eurasian idea and tendency of its development under the modern conditions**

**General characteristics of the work.** The thesis deals with the historical foundations of an Eurasian idea and the main trends of its development in the context of modernity. Feature of research is to examine the transformation of basic provisions of Eurasianism emerged among Russian emigration and received his spiritual development in entire Eurasia, due to the active Eurasian policy pursued by President of Kazakhstan N. Nazarbayev. It is necessary to note that the Eurasian idea of N.A. Nazarbayev on theoretical and practical aspects of the original concept is in many ways different from both classical Eurasianism and its modern neoeurasian directions In this work the author aims to examine not only the general trends in the theoretical content of classical and modern Kazakhstan Eurasianism but also their fundamental differences, as well as new results of the practical implementation of the idea of Eurasian integration in stage of modern history.

**Actuality of dissertation work.** In 2014 it was 20 years since the date of speech of Nursultan Nazarbayev in March 1994, in a Scientific Council of the Moscow State University named after M.V.Lomonosov, where he for the first time announced the idea of the practical implementation of the Eurasianism, expressed in the creation of a new integration association - the Eurasian Union. In fact, it was, exactly, a starting point for development of all future forms of integration in the post-Soviet space. In 21 years, this issue has been widely discussed and given a new opportunity to the development not only in Kazakhstan and Russia, but also in other countries. It shows the importance of this project across the Eurasian continent, population and economic development, which is essential to the development of the entire humanity. It is necessary to keep in mind that the basis of the Eurasian ideas N.A.Nazarbayev took some estimates and judgments of the Eurasian classics, to which we refer P.Savitskogo, N.Trubetskogo, L.N.Gumilev and others. Scientists Eurasianists came to the conclusion that the Eurasian region since ancient times was a place of fruitful historical, cultural, socio-economic and political interaction of Slavic and Turkic people, who have long tradition and are based on the historical experience of the thousand years.

Today the Eurasian idea is a powerful factor of economic integration processes in Post-Soviet Union. It forms the base of the state ideology foreign policy course of independent Kazakhstan, and its complex study is needed to understand the mechanism of development of Kazakhstan's recent history. In this case, Kazakhstan's Secretary of State Marat Tajin spoke about an importance of the study of the national idea in the study of the history of independence, scientific community in the walls of the Eurasian National University named after famous scientist Eurasian

L.N.Gumilev, representing the state program "The people in the flow of history", initiated by the Leader of the Nation, N.A. Nazarbayev.

Therefore, a complex study of the phenomenon of Eurasianism in a historical context is important for the scientific value of historical science, because it allows better understanding of the historical processes of modern Kazakhstan and the Eurasian continent.

**The object of a study** is the phenomenon of Eurasianism as the ideological and political currents in all phases of its historical evolution.

**The subject of a study** is the historical foundations of the Eurasian idea, its current status and perspectives, estimates of national and foreign experts.

**The purpose of a study** – the complex research of the historical aspect of the phenomenon of transformation of the Eurasianism and the characteristics of the construction of its modern ideological concept.

**Research objectives:**

- to explore historical preconditions of the origin and establish Eurasianist movements;
- to provide an analysis of the philosophical and historical concepts of classics-Eurasians;
- to explore the views of L.N.Gumilev in context of the Eurasian idea;
- to determine the nature of the concept of neo-Eurasianism;
- to identify similarities and differences between the philosophy of classics of Eurasianism and neo-Eurasianism;
- to analyze the ideas of N.A. Nazarbayev to create the Eurasian Economic Union, to study the evolution of the Eurasian doctrine of Leader of the Nation;
- to characterize the structural components of a conceptual core of the Eurasian political and its transformation into a modern integration processes;
- determine the place of the Eurasian concept in modern political-ideological discourse, to show the importance and features of the ideological and political construction in the modern integration processes;
- identify expert opinions and points views on future development of the Eurasian concept in modern foreign and national science.

**The chronological research framework:** end of the XIX century - 2014. The lower boundary of the chronological research is caused the time of formation of the Eurasian prerequisites views in the works of Western and Russian philosophers and thinkers. The upper boundary of the study identified in the 2014 year, when the first results of the practical implementation of the project of the Eurasian Economic Union were appeared.

**Methodological basis of the dissertation research.** While writing the dissertation author was guided by the principles of historicism, determinism, objectivity and pluralism. In scientific work have been applied common scientific and private research methods: a systematic, historical, comparative, problem-theoretical, chronological, a combination of civilization and institutional approaches.

**Scientific innovation of dissertational research** is for the first time an attempt is made complex study of the Eurasian movement in the trends of world historical process. In research the author makes an attempt to study the phenomenon of Eurasia,

to identify the historical stages of its development, to trace the features of the evolution of the Eurasian ideas, identify the location of Eurasianism among other socio-political and philosophical and historical teachings in the modern history of the world by attracting a large formation of scientific works of foreign researchers, as well as identify their expert opinions. Thus, as an object of scientific study Eurasianism first appears as a reasonable, orderly historical and philosophical concept, which gained its logical extension, but a new conceptual approach to the works of Leader of Nation of Kazakhstan N.A. Nazarbayev and the following policy documents.

**Approbation of results of the study.** The main results of the research were tested during the preparation and publication of scientific articles in journals recommended by the Committee for Control of Education and Science (4 articles) and reports on international (4 articles) and international scientific conferences (6 articles), as well research results were published in international journals with high impact factor, indexed in databases Thomson Reuters and Scopus (2 articles).

**The structure of a study.** The dissertation consists of an introduction, three chapters, conclusion, list of references, applications. Total amount of dissertation work is - 144 pages.