

Summary

Subject matter: The relations between the USSR and the European countries of the Socialist camp in 1945-199: policy, economy, culture.

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Topicality of the research is conditioned by a number of circumstances.

Firstly, the geopolitical situation, that took shape after World War II, expressed itself in the military-political, economic and ideological opposition of the two super powers: USSR and USA. One of the main manifestations of the «Cold war» was creation of the pro-Soviet and pro-American geopolitical spheres of influence. According to the results of World War II the countries of Eastern Europe that had become the Soviet zone of influence, joined the Socialist camp. The relations between the countries of Eastern Europe and the USSR developed in all the directions- policy, economy, culture. However, with the collapse of the USSR, the Socialist camp ceased. To exist, and the countries of Eastern Europe, having chosen the democratic way of development, were orientated in their foreign policy towards Western Europe.

Secondly, for modern science the problem of the relations between the USSR and the countries of Eastern Europe remains topical. For many researchers of this region the issue of the role of the East European countries in the world politics evokes great interest. Political scientists are studying the modern integration processes of the European political and economic associations, and also the position of the countries of Eastern Europe in those structures. In the historical science, with the disintegration of the critical interpretation of the issues of the interrelationships between the USSR and the countries of Eastern Europe.

Objective of the research: a comprehensive study of the problems of the interrelationships between the USSR and the East-European countries that

expressed themselves in the political, economic and cultural aspect of the interstate relations.

In compliance with objective set the following **tasks** were formulated:

- to study the foreign political relations between the Soviet Union and the East-European countries in the period of their origin;
- to characterize the type of the relationships between the USSR and the European socialist countries and reveal the cases for the origin of the crisis stages in their relations;
- to sort out the causes for the origin of the economic integration of the Socialist camp;
- to investigate the character of the foreign economic ties of the USSR with the East-European countries and analyze the positive and negative aspects of their economic collaboration;
- to explore the intercultural contacts between the Soviet Union and countries of Europe on the example of their joint collaboration in the film industry;
- to study the collaboration between the USSR and the countries of Eastern Europe in the scientific sphere on the example of the joint work of the Soviet and foreign scholars in humanities.

Theoretical significance of the research is in the extension of and addition to the scientific knowledge of the problem under study.

Practical significance of the research lies in its further use by the students of the Pyatigorsk State University in the course of their preparation for lectures and seminars, the materials of this research may also be used in writing scientific articles, course and diploma papers.

Results of the research: the first chapter (Chapter I) studied the foreign political aspect of the interstate relations between the USSR and the East-European countries. The author analyzed those interstate relationships and revealed the causes for the origin of the crisis stages, in those relations. The second chapter (Chapter II) explored the economic aspect of the interstate relationships between the USSR and the countries of Eastern Europe. High-lighted were the causes for

the origin of the economic integration of the Socialist countries and the positive and negative aspects of their economic collaboration were thoroughly investigated. The third chapter (Chapter III) studied the cultural aspect of the interstate relations between the USSR and the countries Eastern Europe. The intercultural links between the socialist countries in the film industry and humanities were studied in detail.

Recommendations: to carry on with the study of the problems of the interrelationships between the USSR and the countries of Eastern Europe.