

Summary

Subject matter: The dynamics of the development of Russian-Japanese relations (late of the XIXth – early of the 90s of the XXth century).

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Topicality of the research: The work examines the main stages of the development of Russian-Japanese relations from the end of the XIX century up to the beginning of the 90s the XX centuries, the main military clashes in that period, the economic cooperation between the USSR and Japan, and also the issue of the "northern territories" as a problem factor of relations between the Soviet Union and Japan.

Objective of the research is a compeer study of the dynamics of the development of Russian-Japanese relations from the lend of the XIX century – up to the beginning of 90s of the XXth centuries.

Tasks of the research:

- examine the peculiarities of Russian-Japanese foreign political relations from 1894 to 1922;
- to describe the causes, course and results of Soviet-Japanese border conflicts in the 30s of the XXth century;
- to reveal the specificity of Soviet-Japanese diplomatic relations in 1939-1945;
- to study the development of Soviet-Japanese relations in the middle of the 40s – early 90s. of the Soviet Union and Japan;
- to analyze the economic cooperation between the Soviet Union and Japan;
- to examine the issue of "northern territories" as a problem factor of relations between the Soviet Union and Japan.

Theoretical and practical significance of the research: Theoretical-methodological principles of the paper implies the use of such general historical principles as historicism, systematicity, objectivity. They enabled us to achieve

objectivity when dealing with the subject matter and present the material under study according to the logic of unfolding events.

Results of the research: The 150-year-long history of Russian-Japanese relations by contact with other neighboring countries is not great, and the bonds connecting the two countries look much weaker. The issue of the "northern territories" was one of the main aspects in the problems of diplomatic relations between the USSR and Japan in the postwar time. As a result USSR and Japan never succeeded to reach a compromise in territorial disputes. Therefore, this problem hindering not only the development of diplomatic relations between the USSR and Japan, but was also slowing down the economic cooperation between them. Undoubtedly, today's Russian-Japanese relations are carrying high by essential negative burden of the past.

Recommendations: As this work is chiefly theoretical the results of the research can be used in the course of study and teaching Modern and Current history of the history of international relations. This factual material can be used in the study in the course of study the military history of Russia and Japan, the history of their interstate relations. University and technology schools students may find the theses and conclusions of the work useful when preparing for seminars and writing scientific research papers.