**Historical and comparative methods of international relations analysis**

**Research Advisor Profile (Andrey I. Suzdaltzev)**

**Research field**: 23.00.04 Political problems of international relations and of global and regional development

**Profile content**: investigating the essence, the content and the vector of the activity of subjects and objects of global politics on the regional scale, those of individual nations emerging in the post-Soviet and of their alliances (military-political, economic and political ones).

Within the research field the **objects** are defined as the issues of the post-Soviet space regional development.

**Majors:**

1. Foreign policy activity of nations, international organizations, civic and political movements and other subjects acting in the post-Soviet space;
2. Heads of states’ and governments’ foreign policy activity in the post-Soviet space;
3. Russia and the post-Soviet space: developing forms and methods of the Russian Federation foreign policy activity aimed at the fulfillment of national interests in the post-Soviet space.

**Methodology:**

The issues researched in the course of preparing theses within the profile require complex analysis involving the creative application and combination of systemic, historical and comparative methods. Besides, the research usually employs structural and functional as well as institutional approach to the material under review.

Systemic analysis tends to be the leading research method as it allows to consider regional post-Soviet space problems as an open dynamic system taking into account its crucial internal and external interconnections.

The research involves historical and comparative analyses that allow to identify the impact of political, economic and social factors on the regional process development in the post-Soviet space.

The analysis of regional structures and mechanisms engages the institutional approach in conjunction with the structural and functional one, which allows to determine the role and the influence of the institutes considered on the development of nations and associations in the post-Soviet space.