

ARCHITECTURE OF MODERN REGIONAL INTEGRATION

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The paper is devoted to the issues of the “regional integration” concept. The ontology of regional economic integration processes is considered. Integration processes are among the decisive factors that outline the general contours of the modern geo-economic and geo-political map of the world. In specialized research (especially Western) macrointegration in its functional context is usually referred as economic integration, while its territorial dimension – as regional economic integration or regional integration.

The main milestones of the typology of regional economic integration are analyzed through the perspective of regional economic organizations. The basic structural element of regionalism are regional organizations, which can be political, economic, military, etc.

When considering the processes of regional economic integration, the main emphasis is on their economic dimensions.

However, the economic component cannot be considered separately from the political one, which implies the refusal of national governments from the part of their own sovereignty and autonomy in decision making for the creation and use of shared resources and for the achievement of common goals.

The incompatibility of the typology of regional organizations of the first generation with the current reality: (1) Gradation of regional organizations; (2) Changing of the paradigm of international trade; (3) Growth of the number of interregional integration associations, which partly offset the very idea of regional economic integration; (4) The emergence of integrational associations of the “North-South” structure.

All of the types and levels of regional integration to a large extent influence the change of geopolitical world order. After 2000, the processes of regional integration achieved unprecedented complexity and variability.