

## REVIEW

**to the dissertation work of Tuleshova Ulzhan “The Kazakh nobility in the service of the Russian empire in 19th century: the formation and activity” for receiving degree of philosophy doctor (Ph.D.) in “History”**

The relevance of the presented dissertation research is not doubtable as allows understanding historical roots of realities of the social and cultural phenomena of modern Kazakhstan and reflects tasks of the “*Ruhani zhangyru*” (Spiritual revival) program. Studying transformation of social history of the Kazakh society in the 19th century, introduction to a scientific turn new archival documents, identification of the personalities who made a contribution to history of the Kazakhs is important prerequisite and condition to successful modernization of public consciousness of citizens in modern Kazakhstan.

The structure of Tuleshova Ulzhan's thesis is logical. The presentation of the problem reflects contemporary trends in the development of the world historical science. The content of the work formulate research problems through the methodology of the new imperial history and social history, which once again demonstrates the relevance of this thesis.

The novelty of dissertation research is the first experience of system studying of the Kazakh nobility, ways and the mechanism of their entry into privileged estate of the Russian Empire.

The author carried out big search work in the main archives of Russia (Orenburg, St. Petersburg, Samara, and Astrakhan) and Kazakhstan that allowed creating big source base of the research, wide and various on specific characteristics and representativeness. The author made the system analysis of a wide range of sources on history of the Kazakh nobility for the first time.

The value of the submitted thesis is comparative analysis of the Russian Empire practice on the different borderlands (The North Caucasus, the Volga-Ural region, the Kazakh steppe) on integration of national societies into privileged estate of the empire, namely the hereditary and personal nobilities.

Scientific results of a research consistently and purposefully displayed in sections of the thesis, which consists of Introduction, three sections, the Conclusion and Appendix.

I would like to highlight the following:

- The theme of the formation of the Kazakh nobility is hardly studied, scientific novelty is not doubtful. With this research, the author proved the existence of the Kazakh nobility, which contributed to the multi-ethnic mosaic of the Russian nobility.

- The unconditional advantage of this thesis results that author systematized in a comprehensive form all the revealed information, documents on the history of Kazakh nobility. Based on historical personology, it has compiled prosopographic tables.

- Extensive source base of diverse nature (archival documents, narrative materials, statistical information, museum artifacts, etc.) offers application of completely different methods of analysis of these sources, which indicates professional complexity of the thesis.

I consider that the presented Ulzhan Tuleshova's dissertation "The Kazakh nobility on the service of the Russian Empire in the 19th century: formation and activity" is an independent and complete research, and can be recommended for defense in Dissertation council in the specialty "6D020300 – History" for receiving degree of the doctor of philosophy (PhD).

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