

The thesis describes development of the foreign trade of the Russian Federation in the period after disintegration of the Soviet Union until the present time. It is concentrated particularly on the balance of trade, export and import of the RF. The objective of this thesis is the analysis of main factors that have been influencing components of Russian foreign trade and observation of their impact on the Russian foreign trade activity. Within this framework I follow the trade development of particular items of Russian production and pay attention to the main commodities such as energy resources, machinery and equipment. The thesis also analyses trade relationships between RF and other countries and coalitions. Part of the thesis outlines possible future of the Russian FT during the period 2000-2015 and defines alternatives of the Russian foreign trade activity in dependence on oil prices, since oil is one of the most important components of the Russian export.