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Rationale of the thesis research.

Development of digitalization processes and spread of digital information and communication technologies (ICT) have led to the construction of a digital reality that has significantly changed the traditional political institutions of society and created new ones. New opportunities of digital reality have transformed the mechanisms of participation of citizens and civil society institutions in public administration, increased the level of their control over it and made the activities of the state more open.

At the same time there are still problems that are relevant, socially significant and require their understanding and practical solution. Among them there are:

- determination and attachment of the digital rights of citizens, which form the basis of interaction of citizens with the state and civil society institutions in the digital environment. In the conditions of Russian reality, these rights are only being formed;
- the need to solve the problem of Internet accessibility for all Russian citizens;
- mechanisms for striking a compromise between the exercise of citizens' rights to freedom of discussion and association in digital reality and restrictions on these freedoms in order to ensure state sovereignty, prevent criminal activity on the Internet, preserve the foundations of public morality have not yet been worked out;
- the state has developed its interaction with civil society institutions and individual citizens in a system of vertical, hierarchically built relationships. In the digital environment, horizontal communication prevails, and the state must adapt to this;
- increasing of participation of citizens and civil society institutions in public administration through the Network shall be accompanied by the formation of appropriate mechanisms for influencing on the state structures, currently such mechanisms are still being created;
- the need to solve the problem how to increase the degree of citizens' trust in state institutions, using the means and methods of digital reality;
- digitalization processes require flexibility and responsiveness from the state structures. In this regard it is important to analyze the trends in further changes in

state governance, power and communication processes between the state and civil society institutions;

- such concepts as «digital reality», «digitalization», «electronic democracy», «electronic state», «digital citizenship», etc. also need theoretical analysis.

Thus, the designated range of problems that need to be solved confirms the rationale and significance of the chosen research topic.

Scientific status of the issue.

The topic of interaction between the state and civil society institutions in digital reality is a complex one, which requires a comprehensive understanding of the work, which can be divided into several groups.

The first group consists of works devoted to the study of digital reality (works by V.I. Arshinov, E.V. Galanina, D. Coen, A.S. Salin, Y. Habermas, K. Schwab, E. Schmidt, etc.).

The second group of works reveals the changing of the role of the state and its structures under the influence of digital information and communication technologies (ICT) (R.F. Azizov, A.A. Bochkov, A.A. Vasilyev, V.D. Zorkin, A.V. Ivanov, A.S. Kiselev, I.A. Konyukhova, etc.).

The third group of works is devoted to the problems of civil society in the conditions of digital reality (D.S. Abramova, D.A. Avdeev, R.V. Amelin, Ya.V. Antonov, R. Baguma, S.G. Gontar, B. Dimitrievich, etc.).

The fourth group of works is devoted to the study of the role of citizens in digital reality, the formation of their digital rights, focuses on the concepts of digital citizens, digital citizenship (E.V. Brodovskaya, N.V. Deeva, A.I. Kovler, N.V. Merzlikin, V.V. Nevinsky, A.V. Nesterov, E.V. Talapina, A.M. Erdelevsky, etc.).

The fifth group of works is aimed at revealing of certain aspects of interaction between the state and civil society institutions in the processes of digital ICTs' usage (in particular, the works of E.S. Ustinovich, O.V. Klimashevskaya, S.V. Bondarenko).

Whereas the topic of interaction between the state and civil society institutions in the digital environment raised in a particular view in the works on political science,

however new political processes and realities that have arisen in recent years and insufficient development of such concepts as formation of new civil society actors in the digital reality, definition of modern trends in the development of the digital environment and their impact on relations between civil society and the state, etc., need comprehensive analysis that determined the topic of this thesis.

The goal of the thesis is to uncover by means of political analysis of changes and problems in the interaction of the state and civil society institutions caused by the formation and development of digital reality as well as the development of proposals for improving of the mechanisms of this interaction based on digital information and communication technologies.

Achieving this goal involves the solution of the following **objectives**:

1) to reveal the theoretical and methodological foundations of the research topic, to specificate and develop the necessary conceptual and categorical framework, in particular to develop the author's definition of digital reality and on this basis to identify changes in activity of state structures and civil society institutions in the formation of this reality;

2) to comprehensively investigate the phenomenon of digital democracy as a form of interaction between the state and society in digital reality;

3) to determine the mechanisms and directions of transformation of interaction between the state and civil society institutions in digital reality;

4) to argue for a change in the place and role of noncommercial media as civil society institutions in digital reality; to establish the specifics of the activities of new media in the Network;

5) to identify the trends of changes in public administration, communication processes in the interaction of the state and civil society institutions, power relations in connection with the formation of digital reality and to develop proposals for improving of the mechanisms of this interaction.

The object of the thesis is the processes of interaction between the state and civil society institutions in digital reality.

The subject of the thesis is the essential characteristics, forms and trends of further changes in the interaction of the state and civil society institutions in digital reality.

Theoretical background of the thesis includes the works of domestic and foreign authors devoted to the study of the methodology of political analysis of social processes and phenomena, problems of the state and civil society institutions, their interaction in the conditions of digital reality.

Methodological background of the thesis is based on philosophical and general scientific methods (dialectical method used to analyze the development of the state and civil society institutions in digital reality; system method used to reveal the digital reality as a certain system; structural and functional method that allowed to detect the changes in the structure and functions of state structures, civil society institutions in digital reality), as well as specific scientific methods of political analysis (institutional method — in the study of civil society institutions; sociological approach (method) — in the study of political views of various social groups on the role of the civil society and the state in the conditions of digital reality; the «case-study» method — in the study of specific political situations, in particular, electronic voting in the elections to the Moscow City Duma of the seventh convocation).

The empirical and information base of the thesis includes the following:

- the results of the author's research (including carrying-out of the content analysis) of materials of print and electronic media, new media, digital platforms, social networks, which revealed the topic of interaction between the state structures and the civil society institutions in digital reality;
- the results of generalization of statistical data, first of all, data of Rosstat on the studied topic;
- the results of the content analysis of laws and regulations and documents regulating relations between the state and the civil society institutions, as well as in the digital environment;
- the results of public-opinion polls on the problems of digitalization of the state, the civil society institutions, the development of digital reality conducted by

Russian Public Opinion Research Center, Public Opinion Foundation, Autonomous Non-Commercial Organization «Levada Center».

The research results proposed for the defense and constituting **scientific novelty** are as follows:

1. On the basis of the conceptual and categorical framework and the results of the monitoring of the development of digital reality in Russian conditions, the main changes under the impact of digital ICT in the activities of state structures and civil society institutions have been revealed (their digitalisation, the emergence of new forms of interaction on digital platforms, the implementation of democratic procedures in digital reality), associated problems and risks have been identified.

2. The essential features of digital democracy have been highlighted, the classification of its forms has been carried out; the peculiarities of democratic procedures implemented in digital democracy have been determined; the shortcomings of their implementation are shown and the ways of further improvement are proposed.

3. The necessity of synchronicity of the processes of the digital state's formation and development of democratic procedures has been proved; to ensure the simultaneous implementation of these processes, a set of measures to improve the mechanisms for public services providing and civil society participation in public administration based on digital ICT is proposed.

4. As exemplified by blogs, the similarity and difference of new media formed in the Network from traditional media are demonstrated; the possibilities and conditions for presenting bloggers and other network actors as non-institutionalized subjects of civil society are argued.

5. Trends of further changes in digital reality from the perspective of a society 5.0 have been disclosed. These trends' influence on the formation of the digital state, the digital democracy and the emergence of digital civil society is shown. Their impact on the transformation of mechanisms of interaction between the state and the civil society institutions in the processes of state management, communication and implementation of relations of power.

Scientific-theoretical and practical significance of this research. The main conclusions of the study significantly expand the understanding of digital reality presented as a multi-layered structure, including the realities of different kinds, as well as the electronic (digital) state, the forms of relations between the state and the civil society institutions in digital reality. Theoretical importance The classification of forms of electronic democracy, the development of the problem of digital sovereignty, digital civil society, the identification of non-institutionalized subjects of civil society in digital reality, as well as trends of the further development of digital reality in relation to changes in the interaction between the state structures and the civil society institutions, are of theoretical importance.

The main conclusions and provisions of the thesis can be used in the lawmaking activities of state agencies in the development of strategy of development of the digital state and digital civil society, the development of effective mechanisms of interaction between state and civil society institutions, as well as in the activities of civil society institutions for the improvement of mechanisms of civil control over the state's activities. The measures proposed in the research for improvement of the digital democracy procedures can be used under election campaigns's realization, as well as other democratic procedures. The materials of the research can be used as practical recommendations by political scientists, lawyers, and can also be applied in educational activities, in particular, when teaching courses in political science, philosophy of politics, public administration.

Results published. The author presented 24 scientific articles on the topic of the thesis (9 of which — in publications recommended by the Higher Attestation Commission under the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation).

Articles in the peer-reviewed scientific journals and publications recommended by the Higher Attestation Commission under the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation:

1. *Ilyicheva M.V.* Communicative processes in the interaction of the state and the civil society institutions: trends of changes in the conditions of digitalization // Power No. 2, 2021, pp. 28-37 (1 p.s.).

2. *Ilyicheva M.V., Kremer P.* Information war in the conditions of digitalization: geo-economic perspective // Information Wars No. 1, 2021, pp. 65-77 (0.75 p.s.).

3. *Ilyicheva M.V.* New media in the digital reality. Social and political science. No. 1, 2021. Publishing house «YUR-VAK», Ogarev Moscow State University, pp. 38-41 (1 p.s.).

4. *Ilyicheva M.V.* Transformation of interaction between the state and the civil society in digital reality // Proceedings of the Tula State University. Human sciences. No. 4, 2020, pp. 18-30 (0.75 p.s.).

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2. *Ilyicheva M.V.* Institute of the Presidency in Russia and the USA: comparative analysis. LAMBERT Academic Publishing. 2014, 100 p. (6,5 p.s.).

3. *Ilyicheva Marjia* / Instituce ombudsmana v Rusku. Rusko v 21. Století Politika, ekonomika, kultura. Ludmila Iličeva, Vladimír Komarovskij, Vladimír Prorok a kol., – Praha, 2013, Professional Publishing, pp. 173-183 (0,5 p.s.).

4. *Ilyicheva Mariya.* Civil-law relations in Russia: the state and prospects. The informational and analytical edition «Russia in the 21st century: Policy. Economy. Culture». Edited by L. Ilyicheva, V. Komarovskiy. – M: Analitic, 2012, pp. 72-82 (0,75 p.s.).

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6. *Ilyicheva M.V.* On the issue of mutual influence of politics and economics. State, business, society: problems of interaction optimization. Russian Association of Political Science. – Moscow: INEK, 2010, pp. 286-292 (0,5 p.s.).

Publications in other scientific journals and composite books:

1. *Ilyicheva M.V.* Civil society and the state: interaction in digital reality // Collection of articles of the international scientific and practical conference «Modern political science on the pathway of the development of the state, business and civil society», Minsk: BSEU, 2020, pp. 45-58 (1 p.s.).

2. *Ilyicheva M.V., Ilyicheva L.E.* «Trust» as a criterion for evaluating the activities of regional authorities. «Political representation and public power: transformational challenges and prospects». Annual all-Russian conference of Russian Association of Political Science with international participation 27.11.2020-28.11.2020. M: MPSU, 2020, pp. 74-82 (0.5 p.s.).

3. *Ilyicheva M.V.* Inequality as a global issue and country-specific features of BRICS. Public administration and development of Russia: challenges and opportunities. Collection of articles of the international conference session. Volume 3 / under the general editorship of G.Yu. Ivleva. – M.: Publishing house «SCIENTIFIC LIBRARY», 2018 – pp. 170-175 (0.5 p.s.).

4. *Ilyicheva M.V.* Institute of civil society in overcoming the crisis. Collection of articles of the international conference session. Volume 3 / under the general editorship of G.Yu. Ivleva, 2017 (0,75 p.s.).

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6. *Ilyicheva L.E., Ilyicheva M.V.* Problems of modernization of the Russian economy in modern political science research // Poznan, 2016, pp. 242-260 (0,5 p.s.).

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8. *Maria Iliczrwa.* Społeczność rosyjska na nowym etapie modernizacji społecznej Na gruzach imperium: demokratyczna modernizacja w państwach region Europy Środkowej i Wschodniej. Polska academia nauk (PAN). Wydawnictwo Adam Marszałek. Torun. 2012. SS. 328-337 (0,75 p.s.).

9. *Ilyicheva M.V.* Russia in the context of globalization. Session of the International science club. East-West dialogue. European regions: conditions, challenges and prospects. – M: Federation of peace and harmony. 2007, pp. 15-22 (0.5 p.s.).

The main provisions and conclusions of this thesis were presented at the following scientific-practical conferences and forums:

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3. All-Russian educational and employee forum «Pathway of development — 2020», «Regional development strategies: technologies for forming state decisions» (23-25.06.2020; report «Civil society institutions in the regional development strategy»).

4. International conference session of IPACS RANEPА «Public administration and development of Russia: global threats and structural changes» (20.05.2020; report «Interaction of the state and civil society in the conditions of digital reality»).

5. International seminar «Political conflicts in the world political process» (Jan Amos Komensky University Prague, 26.01.-02.02.2020; report «Interest as a factor in conflict modeling»).

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7. Political conflicts in the global political process. International seminar. Higher School of International Relations, Prague, 02.02.2019. Presentation of the report «Manipulation of public consciousness in the digital environment».

8. Public-private partnership in the field of information infrastructure development. Panel discussion. Federation Council of the Russian Federation. 28.11.2019. Presentation of the report «Public-private partnership in the design of information processes».

9. All-Russian scientific conference with international participation «Pathways of political development of Russia: institutions, projects and actors», Moscow, Moscow State Pedagogical University, 6-7 December 2019. Presentation of the report «Network technologies in public-private partnership projects».

10. *Ilyicheva M.V.* Inequality as a global issue and country-specific features of BRICS. Public administration and development of Russia: challenges and opportunities. Collection of articles of the international conference session. Volume 3 / under the general editorship of G.Yu. Ivleva. – M.: Publishing house «SCIENTIFIC LIBRARY», 2018 – pp. 170-175 (0.5 p.s.).

11. World congress of political scientists (International Political Science Association), as a debater and speaker on the topic «Russia under sanctions: trends and prospects for development» in the section «Inequality as a global problem and features of the BRICS countries: borders and regulatory opportunities» (July 2018, Brisbane, Australia).

12. «Pathway of development of Parliamentary control». Scientific and practical seminar with deputies of the legislative assemblies of the Russian Federation. Presentation of the report «The state and civil society institutions: problems of communication in the digital environment». 08.11.2018, RANEPa.

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15. World congress of political scientists (International Political Science Association), as a chairman of the section «Inequality in economic and political dimension of the BRICS countries in the event of global crisis», report on the topic «Economics of modern Russia under the conditions of sanctions: is it possible to dialogue with the West?» (July 2016, Poznan, Poland).

16. World congress of political scientists (International Political Science Association), report «Russia in the XXI century: politics and economy» (July 2012, Madrid, Spain).

17. *Ilyicheva M.V.* Russia in the context of globalization. Session of the International science club. East-West dialogue. European regions: conditions,

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Thesis structure is determined by the goal, objectives, underlying logic of the research. The presented thesis compositionally consists of introduction, three chapters, conclusion, list of references. The list of references contains 299 titles.



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