

Review of: "The Strategy of Russia in the Trans-Eurasian Connectivity"

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The current research is both intriguing and timely, addressing pivotal aspects in the context of contemporary geopolitical challenges. I suggest considering the following points:

1. Give the paper to a native speaker of the English language to correct for grammar.
2. Abstract too long and should be more precise about the exact nature of the paper.
3. Introduction should elaborate on the central question of the research and what it intends to tackle.
4. The research should explain how the work is divided up according to sections and how those sections answer the central question of the research.
5. How much of the information contained in the introduction could actually go into the main body of the text?
6. Would be good to see greater consolidation of the information provided, especially on the effects of sanctions, lost and gained market shares, trade reorientation, infrastructure development. For example, page 6 of the work suggests that energy supplies have not been displaced and in the same paragraph discusses freight as the concluding sentence.
7. Discuss which countries have reduced their imports of energy from Russia and which ones have taken up 'some' of the slack, such as India, Turkey and China.
8. An interesting point further concerns the end of the Russia-Ukraine war. China seeks to project its economic power globally (Europe, Africa, Asia and North America) via its Belt & Road initiative and prefers a multipolar world, while Russia seeks to tie its future economic relations with countries that have supported it through the war in terms of trade. How this is likely to play out in the future could be an interesting addition to the paper or added in the conclusion.
9. There are plenty of good points in this paper but the main stress should be on consolidation of the points, particularly in grouping information together on the effects of the war on energy supplies, trade reorientation and infrastructure development.
10. The discussion on Russia needs to come through more strongly if that is the focus of the paper.

