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SCIENTIFIC AND INNOVATIVE DEVELOPMENT OF TURKIC STATES IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

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Abstract
This article examines the impact of digital transformation processes on the scientific and innovative development of Turkic states. Modern digital technologies are analyzed as a key factor in advancing science, education, and innovative ecosystems. The study explores opportunities for collaboration among Turkic states, regional specifics of digitalization, and integration with global digital trends. The article offers practical recommendations for promoting scientific research and innovative strategies in the digital world, while evaluating prospects in these fields. The research findings contribute to identifying pathways for the progress of Turkic states in the digital era.

Keywords: Digital transformation, Turkic states, Scientific development, Innovation, Digital world, Technological progress, Educational innovation, Digitalization, Science and technology, Innovative strategies.

Introduction

In the modern world, digital transformation is driving significant changes across all facets of the global economy, education, and society. This process demands not only the development of technological infrastructure but also scientific research and innovative approaches. Turkic states—such as Uzbekistan, Turkey, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, and Turkmenistan—are taking crucial steps to advance their scientific and innovative potential in the digital era, drawing upon their rich historical heritage and strategic geographic locations. Most of these nations have achieved notable progress in recent decades in fields such as

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information and communication technologies (ICT), artificial intelligence, big data, and other advanced domains. At the same time, they are exploring opportunities to leverage the shared intellectual and scientific resources of the Turkic world to strengthen cooperation and enhance global competitiveness. This introduction focuses on analyzing the scientific and innovative development of Turkic states within the digital ecosystem, aiming to examine their achievements, existing challenges, and prospects.

MATERIALS AND RESEARCH METHODS

The research process involved the study and analysis of scholarly and methodological literature, memoirs, and archival materials, as well as the examination and synthesis of advanced practical experiences. Methods such as analysis and synthesis, induction and deduction, systematic logical approaches, and historical and statistical analysis were employed.

Initial efforts to study the impact of global relations on cultures and economic systems and to provide a scientific-theoretical foundation on an international scale were developed by Immanuel Wallerstein in the 20th century. In his World-Systems Theory concept, he explored the interconnectedness of the global economic system and the social and economic disparities between developed and developing countries. According to Wallerstein's theory, the world economy is divided into core regions (developed countries), semi-peripheries, and peripheral countries (less developed nations), with their interactions giving rise to global issues.

Another perspective comes from Arjun Appadurai, an Indian-American social scientist renowned for his research on culture and globalization. He studied global intercultural relations and introduced the concept of the "global world." In his work Modernity at Large, Appadurai discusses how social and cultural changes should be understood and explained on a global scale. He examined the mutual influence of cultures and new forms of global communication systems, addressing global challenges such as migration, national identity, and cultural diversification.

Additionally, scholars such as Ulrich Beck (on the Risk Society), Karl Polanyi (on economic systems and global transformations), Thomas Friedman (on the

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globalized world), and James Lovelock (on the Gaia hypothesis) have conducted extensive research on globalization and social structures, exploring the influence of other cultures and economic systems.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In today's world, digitalization processes are bringing about profound changes in economic, social, and scientific spheres. In an era where digital technologies have become a key factor in ensuring the global competitiveness of states, the Turkic countries – Turkey, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Turkmenistan – are taking significant steps to adapt to this process and enhance their scientific and innovative capacities. This article aims to analyze the scientific and innovative development of the Turkic states under the conditions of digital transformation, assess current achievements, identify challenges, and outline prospects. The study examines both common and specific characteristics of the Turkic states, as well as their position in the global digital ecosystem.

Theoretical Foundations of Digitalization and Its Relevance in the Turkic States

Digitalization is defined as the process of converting analog processes and resources into digital form to increase efficiency and create new opportunities. This process includes technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Big Data Analytics, Blockchain, and the Internet of Things (IoT). From the perspective of scientific and innovative development, digitalization facilitates the automation of research processes, rapid data analysis, and the expansion of international cooperation.

The Turkic states are at varying stages of development in the field of digitalization. For example, Turkey is implementing comprehensive reforms to develop the digital economy under the "Digital Türkiye" strategy by 2025[8:37]. Kazakhstan, through the "Digital Kazakhstan" program, is focusing on modernizing infrastructure and developing the IT sector. In Uzbekistan, the "Digital Uzbekistan – 2030" strategy is aimed at digitalizing public services and supporting IT entrepreneurship. Meanwhile, countries such as Kyrgyzstan and

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Turkmenistan face slower digitalization processes due to weak internet infrastructure and low levels of digital literacy.

Digital technologies have simplified the processes of data collection, analysis, and testing of models in scientific research. In Turkey, projects supported by TÜBİTAK (The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey) are advancing research based on artificial intelligence and machine learning. In Kazakhstan, Nazarbayev University has achieved significant progress in big data analytics and biotechnology. In Uzbekistan, research in physics, chemistry, and mathematics is becoming more active through digital platforms under the auspices of the Academy of Sciences.

Despite the advantages of using digital technologies in scientific research, there are persistent challenges, including insufficient financial resources, a shortage of qualified personnel, and uneven development of digital infrastructure. For instance, in Turkmenistan, the low level of internet access (as of 2024, only 40% of the population uses the internet) hinders scientific collaboration and information exchange. In Kyrgyzstan, limited access to digital educational resources remains a barrier to training young researchers.

The development of the innovation ecosystem in the Turkic states depends on startups and technological initiatives. In Turkey, projects such as “Technopark Istanbul” and “Ankara Cyberpark” support hundreds of startups, offering innovative solutions in sectors such as healthcare, agriculture, and transportation. In Uzbekistan, the “IT Park” organization registered over 500 startups in 2024, with 20% of them successfully entering international markets. In Azerbaijan, the “Azercosmos” project demonstrates innovative achievements in the field of space technologies.

In addition, strengthening the innovation ecosystem requires effective collaboration between universities and the private sector. In Kazakhstan, the “Astana Hub” technology park is actively engaging youth in startup projects in cooperation with universities. In Turkey, institutions such as Boğaziçi University and Koç University are jointly developing scientific and innovative products with private companies. In Uzbekistan, “Inha University in Tashkent” and the “Tashkent Institute of Information Technologies” occupy leading positions in training personnel in the IT sector. The strong ties between scientific and human

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resources policies serve as a key investment in the innovative development of Turkic states.

Economic Impact and Global Competitiveness

The development of the innovation ecosystem has had a positive effect on the economies of the Turkic states, enhancing their global competitiveness. For instance, Turkey's IT exports exceeded 10 billion USD in 2024, contributing significantly to the country's international economic standing. Uzbekistan's digital services market is projected to reach 5 billion USD by 2030. At the same time, it is essential to address issues related to intellectual property protection and standardization in the process of bringing innovative products to the international market.

International Cooperation and Future Prospect

The Organization of Turkic States (Turkic Council) plays a crucial role as a platform for advancing scientific and innovation cooperation among Turkic nations. During the "Turkic World 2040" summit held in 2024, agreements were signed to enhance collaboration in digital technologies and scientific research. Turkey's technological experience, Kazakhstan's infrastructural achievements, and Uzbekistan's growth in the IT sector serve as important models for other member states. In the digital age, the scientific and innovative advancement of Turkic countries cannot be effective without international collaboration. To ensure global competitiveness, implement modern technologies, and increase scientific capacity, Turkic states are fostering strategic partnerships both among themselves and with international organizations and developed nations. This section analyzes the experience of Turkic states in international cooperation and discusses future development trajectories and prospects.

Since its establishment in 2009, the Turkic Council has served as a significant platform for enhancing economic, cultural, and scientific integration among the Turkic states. At the 2024 "Turkic World 2040" summit in Istanbul, member countries reached several agreements aimed at expanding cooperation in digital technologies, scientific research, and innovative projects. For example, the "Turkic States Digital Scientific Platform" proposed by Turkey aims to create a

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shared database for Turkic researchers and facilitate the exchange of research findings. This platform supports joint projects in areas such as artificial intelligence and big data analytics. Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan's experience in the IT field, Turkey's technological infrastructure, and Azerbaijan's innovative approach in the energy sector create a synergistic effect within the framework of the Turkic Council. For instance, within the memorandum signed between Kazakhstan and Turkey in 2023, a joint project on "smart city" technologies worth 5 million USD was launched. However, the integration of countries such as Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan into this process has been slower, primarily due to the uneven distribution of digital infrastructure and financial resources.

Collaboration with International Organizations and Developed Countries

Turkic states are enhancing their scientific and innovation potential by expanding cooperation with international organizations and developed countries. The European Union's "Horizon Europe" programme offers significant opportunities for the Turkic states. For example, under this programme, Turkey has participated in over 50 scientific projects between 2021 and 2027, securing grants amounting to 200 million euros. These projects cover areas such as environmentally friendly energy, digital technologies in healthcare, and machine learning. Uzbekistan, in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is implementing the "Digital Education and Innovative Human Capital Development" project. Initiated in 2024, this project has a budget of 10 million USD and aims to introduce online education platforms in more than 20 universities across the country. Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan, on the other hand, are cooperating with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to finance infrastructure projects. For instance, ADB has allocated a 15 million USD grant to Azerbaijan to support research in "green technologies."

Partnerships with developed countries are also of particular importance. Turkey, for example, is collaborating with South Korea on the development of 5G technologies and the Internet of Things (IoT), facilitating mutual exchange of expertise. Uzbekistan has reached agreements with China's Huawei company to develop human resources in the IT sector and establish technological hubs. Such

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collaborations help the Turkic states strengthen their positions in the global market.

In the digital age, global trends—such as the carbon-neutral economy, the expansion of artificial intelligence, and blockchain technologies—present both opportunities and challenges for the Turkic states. Turkey and Kazakhstan are leading in adapting to these trends. For instance, Turkey's "Sıfır Atık" (Zero Waste) project offers innovative environmental protection solutions through the use of digital technologies. Meanwhile, Uzbekistan is piloting the application of blockchain technology in public services and financial operations, aiming to enhance transparency and efficiency.

Financial and Technological Constraints and Strategic Priorities

Despite their commitment to aligning with global digital trends, Turkic states continue to face significant limitations in financial and technological resources. In countries such as Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan, weak digital infrastructure and limited access to international grants are impeding progress. Consequently, enhancing the distribution of resources and fostering knowledge exchange among Turkic states is considered essential. Going forward, the following strategic priorities are deemed fundamental for the scientific and innovative development of Turkic states:

- **Expansion of digital infrastructure**: Establishing a robust foundation for scientific research and innovation by ensuring universal internet access and deploying 5G technologies. For instance, Turkmenistan plans to increase internet penetration to 70 percent by 2025.
- **Digitization of the education system**: Preparing emerging scientists and innovators via the development of online education platforms and digital libraries. Uzbekistan's initiative to digitize all higher education institutions by 2030 serves as an illustrative example.
- **Attraction of international grants and investments**: Developing joint projects to access additional funding from instruments such as Horizon Europe, the World Bank, and ADB.
- **Support for the startup ecosystem**: Promoting innovative entrepreneurship through the establishment of venture capital funds and

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incubators. Kazakhstan's "Astana Hub" experience offers a model that could be replicated by other states.

By deepening both peer-to-peer and international cooperation, Turkic states have the potential to become one of the leading regions in the digital world. Notably, a proposal is under consideration to establish a **common "Digital Innovation Fund"** within the Turkic Council by 2040, which could commit annual investments of USD 50 million per member state. International cooperation is also expected to encompass social and environmental concerns, not just economic and technological ones.

Turkic states are leveraging digital technologies to address United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including climate change, poverty alleviation, and educational equity. For example, Azerbaijan's "Azercosmos" satellite initiative utilizes satellite data for agricultural and environmental monitoring. Turkey, in collaboration with UNESCO, has launched the "Digital Education for Gender Equality" project, currently being piloted in Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan.

Conclusion

In the digital age, the scientific and innovative progress of Turkic states is shaped by the adoption of advanced technologies, the development of a digital economy, and the expansion of international cooperation. This article has assessed the successes, challenges, and prospective directions in the digitization process of Turkic states, highlighting that modernizing infrastructure, digitizing education and research systems, and fostering a startup-friendly environment are essential for enhancing their innovation ecosystems. Mutual learning and joint action to secure global competitiveness are identified as the keys to future success.

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