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**JURGEN HABERMAS' CONCEPT OF THE PUBLIC SPHERE:
DEVELOPMENT TRENDS IN THE INFORMATION SOCIETY**

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ANNOTATION

Master's thesis of the Department of Social Communication of the Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences of the BSU Luo Xiaotong «Jurgen Habermas' concept of the public sphere: development trends in the information society» is devoted to the analysis of the phenomenon of the public sphere, as a special area of social life in the modern information society. The public sphere is understood as an area of public life where people can freely express and exchange opinions, discuss and negotiate to reach consensus and make socially meaningful decisions. The master's thesis analyzes the influence of mass media on the formation of the content and functioning of the public sphere, considers the prospects of development of the public sphere in actual social contexts, taking into account the spread of information technologies. The text of the master's study is supplemented by a practical component presented in the form of a questionnaire with the subsequent analysis of the results.

The purpose of the master's thesis is to identify the actual role of the public sphere in the information society and the prospects for the development of their mutual influence.

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