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**"OASES as an International Platform for Economic Cooperation"**

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This thesis proposes the concept of OASES (Oriental Republic of Uruguay, Austria, Switzerland, Emirates (UAE) and Singapore) as a grouping that brings together some of the most successful small open economies from the various regions of the global economy. OASES economies are shown to share commonalities in approaches to economic policies, while also featuring as important logistical hubs connecting the largest economies in their respective regions. The paper also explores the modalities of the OASES framework in the international arena in such areas as platforms for coordinating environmental and digital economy policies. A case is also made in favor of an OASES business model that takes advantage of the competitive strengths of OASES economies. The main findings point to notable commonalities in the policies pursued by OASES economies, with the Swiss model of economic development serving as an important reference point and inspiration for the group's economies. The strongest performance by OASES economies in the key international rankings is observed in areas such as the quality of living indices (Mercer index) as well as in the levels of wealth and GDP per capita. The thesis identified a number of promising venues for OASES economic cooperation, including platforms for coordinating policies in the environmental sphere, in the development of digital economy, in peace mediation as well as in promoting greater cooperation between the regional integration blocs of OASES economies. A coordinated effort by OASES economies to boost cooperation among small economies (also outside of the OASES perimeter) could open new communication lines as well as widen the "possibility set" for international economic diplomacy.

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The intersection of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Blockchain technology is driving a significant transformation in financial trading. This paper delves into how these emerging technologies are reshaping trading strategies by enhancing efficiency, security, and the quality of decision-making. By analysing current implementations, limitations, and future directions, the study offers an in-depth look at the disruptive influence of AI and Blockchain within the trading ecosystem. Both technologies, independently and in combination, are redefining areas such as algorithmic trading, high-frequency trading, and decentralized finance (DeFi). Their integration is contributing to greater transparency, improved risk management, and streamlined operations. The paper also highlights ongoing challenges involving scalability, regulatory compliance, and ethical considerations, while exploring future possibilities at the convergence of AI, Blockchain, and digital financial markets.

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This article presents the author's perspective on the evolution of economic thought in Ukraine from 2004 to 2025. Beginning with theoretical research on regional development, free economic zones, and investment potential, the author's professional journey progressed toward practical crisis cash management at the level of national banking infrastructure. Drawing on personal experience at PrivatBank and cooperation with the National Bank of Ukraine (NBU), the paper explores how the state's economic strategy has adapted to war, financial crises, and the need for decentralization. Special attention is paid to the NBU's delegated model of transferring certain central bank functions to commercial banks, the associated operational risks, the role of institutional trust, and practical tools for preserving the resilience of the monetary system.

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