

Abstract

The work aims to identify the use of specific maskirovka methods during the Russian military operation in the Crimea and subsequently to evaluate their impact on the overall operation. In the analysis, special emphasis will be positioned on disinformation and deceptive campaigns, which formed the bulk of the military operation. The work is conceived as a case study of Russian military operation on the annexation of Crimea in 2014. The author chose the concept of military deception (theory), which will be used to analyze the progress of units on the peninsula (a specific case). In the context of the impact of tactics and maskirovka methods on the overall military operation, the thesis after analysis concluded that such methods have become fundamentally crucial in the invasion of Russian military units in Crimea. The maskirovka aims to influence the enemy's decision-making process, which was fully achieved during the Crimean operation.