

Bachelor thesis

The peacekeeping partnership between the UN and a regional organisation: case of cooperation between UN peacekeeping operation UNOMIG and CIS peacekeeping operation CISPKE

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Abstract

The thesis deals with the United Nations' peacekeeping operations. Particular focus is dedicated to cooperation between the UN and regional organisations and what potential benefits and limitations this cooperation offers to peacekeeping. The case study aims to describe the cooperation between in parallel deployed operations of the United Nations (UNOMIG) and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CISPKE) in Georgia, Abkhazia. The chronological span of the thesis is between the August 1993 and June 2009, when UN operation UNOMIG was active. The thesis firstly provides the theoretical framework of UN peacekeeping. This part lays out the legal basis for the deployment of peacekeeping operations, investigates different ways of understanding peacekeeping and its classifications, its basic principles as well as wider processes that influenced peacekeeping's nature after the end of the Cold War, including the increased participation of regional organisations. This theoretical framework serves to explain the cooperation between the UN and the CIS in peacekeeping conducted in the environment of the Abkhaz-Georgian conflict after the dissolution of the Soviet Union. The thesis concludes that in the case of Abkhaz-Georgian conflict the CIS, and in extension Russia, played a significant role in the deployment of peacekeeping operations and shaped their mandate and structure. The examined case sheds some light on limitations of the effective conduct of peacekeeping operations imposed by peacekeeping partnerships bordering on regional hegemon intervention to conflict happening in neighbour country.

Keywords

The United Nations, Commonwealth of Independent States, peacekeeping operations, peace operations, regional organisations, peacekeeping forces, Abkhaz-Georgian conflict, Abkhazia, Georgia.