

Abstract

My MA dissertation focuses on the application of the John Mearsheimer's neorealist theory of offensive realism in outer space as a new military operational domain, which is becoming more and more relevant for the state actors, as shown by the official recognition of the domain by the NATO, the establishment of the US Space Force or tests of anti-satellite weapons. Following the definition of the theory, a comparison of space to the other operational domains is made, with emphasis on the unique features of space. Subsequently, the contemporary technologies of anti-satellite weapons are defined, including their use in accordance with the theory, which is based on power maximization. The part is dedicated to the strategically important points on the Earth's orbits and to other features of the domain, which may become the subject of a contest. The results of the application of offensive realism are shown in a table in the last part of my dissertation.