

# The securitisation of human development in Russia – Does it allow for a Russian human security doctrine?

## Abstract

This work sets out to find whether Russia's security doctrine is compatible with an understanding of human security. The main theoretical underpinnings guiding this research is an understanding of human security as an instance of securitisation, as well as an expanded approach to securitisation theory that takes ordinary politics into consideration. In order to analyse the Russian case, this work first constructs a framework of what human security entails by organising the most prevalent definitions of the term in a spectrum of broadness. Subsequently, a thematic content analysis of the founding documents of the Russian security doctrine is executed, and its findings are compared to the previously established baseline of human security definitions. Through this comparison, the author is then capable of answering the research questions *“Does Russia's security doctrine securitise development issues using the individual as a referent? If so, does it make for a Russian definition of human security?”*.

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