Abstract

The thesis conducts a content analysis of articles from the Iranian internet domain irdiplomacy.ir, which focuses on Iranian politics in the context of international relations. The analysed timeframe spans from the signing of the Strategic Cooperation Agreement with China in March 2021 to President Ebrahim Raisi's visit to China in February 2023. The study aims to explore and depict the I.R.I.'s stance towards collaboration with the P.R.C. The key phrase for searching relevant information is the 25-year Strategic Cooperation Agreement between Iran and China, which has significantly influenced contemporary Sino-Iranian relations. The chosen commentaries are lined up chronologically in an attached sheet, forming the basis of the analysis. Next step involves content examination of the source material, categorising mentions of China based on their themes, while their positive, negative or neutral attitude towards cooperation with China was determined. The last part of the analysis summarises the data into compact schemes using sub-sheets and graphs, from which quantitative results were synthesised. As a result, the paper confirms that Iran's promotion of China has declined substantially during the chosen period and in many cases, open criticism of China became more prevalent.