

7 Abstract

The focus of this research is in the area of EU-UN relations crisis management, more specifically, the role which the European Union plays within the UN structure as a contributor to the UN crisis management as well as to numerous peacekeeping missions. This occurs at the time when the UN needs to face the crises and seek support of other world players to carry out the missions so that a chance to succeed in these difficult tasks would be higher. The research approach adopted in the thesis includes qualitative analysis and case study methods. The findings from this research provide evidence that the European Union is a competent partner for the United Nations in the field of crisis management, in spite of different policies and agendas. The main conclusion is that the European Union, after participation in several operations and commitment to take part in others, the organisation has already proved that it is a key player on the world scene in crisis management as it has shown its high attention to world crises, not only in Europe.