

Abstract

This thesis looks at the US'AF-PAK strategy in detail and analyses the implications of the strategy for India and for US strategy in the greater South Asian region. It approaches the topic by looking at the operational impact of the strategy in Afghanistan and the challenges posed to the strategy by the situation in Pakistan and the Pakistani military establishment. It then considers the impact of Pakistan's strategic imperatives in Afghanistan before looking at the basis of India's Afghan engagement and then reviews these findings in the light of current India-Pakistan relations. The thesis concludes with a look at the implications of the AF-PAK strategy for India and on the US-India-Pakistan trilateral relationship.

Keywords

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