

## Abstract

The thesis *The role of Nuclear Weapons in Regional Conflict Between India and Pakistan* aims to assess the effect of nuclear weapons in regional conflict such as the one between India and Pakistan. It elaborates on the hypothesis that some premises defined by global nuclear proliferation debate, which is influenced by experience from the Cold War bipolar rivalry, do not work in the case of a local conflict. The thesis' aim is to find out what is the impact of nuclear weapons on the stability of the conflict and whether this effect is positive or negative. It uses the assumption that there are many other stabilizing factors, such as the pivotal deterrence of the United States. The role of the United States is analysed in the final part, because the US interest in the stability in the region is motivated mainly by the presence of nuclear weapons.