

Abstract

This case study examines a negotiation process on extension of the Russian 201st military base in Tajikistan, which took place in 2008–2013. The paper examines interests of Russians and Tajiks in relation to the base, their motives, on which they based negotiations, factors, that entered the process and a future impact of Russian military presence on the political, security and economic situation of the country. It consists of an analysis of significance of the base in context of Tajik and Russian relations, regarding to problems such as porous borders, drug trafficking and smuggling, radical Islamism, quality of Tajik armed forces, energy policy, trans-regional transportation network connection, labor migration and relations with Uzbekistan. It includes also an analysis of the negotiation process from historical and political point of view and an analysis of other direct and indirect impacts of future Russian military presence in Tajikistan.