

Abstract

Bachelor thesis *Analysis of the Russian Attitude toward the Concept of Humanitarian Intervention* is primarily concerned with the way in which the Russian federation legitimizes its inconsistent approach to the currently debated concept of humanitarian intervention. The main goal of the thesis is to point out on what normative grounds the Russian side formulates justification of its position as a defender or as an opponent of the concept. Thesis is based on the constructivist perception of international relations and depicts the Russian federation as a valid member of the international system which legitimizes all of its actions or inactions in terms of universally accepted norms of this system. Analysis of the Russian political discourse shows that norms which determine justification of humanitarian intervention are highlighted in cases when the Russian federation implements military intervention potentially including humanitarian dimension (if necessary exaggerated by the interpretation of the Russian political authorities). In case, that the Russian federation opposes the possibility to put the concept of humanitarian intervention in practice, it highlights the norms which contradict the concept from the very beginning of its occurrence.

The text is divided into three main chapters. Chapter one defines the concept of humanitarian intervention and introduces the theoretical framework for analysis of the Russian attitude. In the second chapter, key norms for legitimization/delegitimization of the humanitarian intervention concept implementation are conceptualized. Last chapter points out the inconsistency of using key norms in the Russian political discourse in actual cases of humanitarian crises in Kosovo, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan and Ukraine.