

Annotation

The thesis deals with the impact of the Obama administration's foreign policy strategy of rebalancing to Asia and its implications for the U.S. - Japan security alliance. The aim of this thesis is to evaluate the success in meeting the goals of rebalancing to Asia, taking into account the implications for the U.S. - Japan security alliance. In my thesis I focus mainly on the evaluation of the strategy and its goals, and analysis of the inner and outer challenges to the alliance. Finally, the thesis also analyzes the key documents of the U.S. - Japan alliance, which are the Guidelines for U.S. - Japan Defense Cooperation and the U.S. National Security Strategy from the year 2015. In the conclusion, I claim that Obama's strategy of rebalancing to Asia was only partially successful, whereas the majority of goals were not met because of the difficult domestic political and economic situation of both allies. Another reason for the partial success of the rebalance strategy were the unfavorable international circumstances, which distracted the United States and forced it to focus its financial and political resources to other regions of the world.