

Abstract

The bachelor's thesis *China in the Arctic: Assessing Positions of Arctic States towards increasing Chinese Presence* deals with the issue of Chinese presence in the Arctic region. The thesis examines and compares the positions of individual Arctic states on this presence and its effects. Content analysis and a comparative method were used in the thesis, while the parameters of the comparison were the statements of the Arctic states on the Chinese factor in the Arctic (statements of representatives of these states and written statements), participation in summits organized by the People's Republic of China on the Arctic region, joint projects in areas and extent of mutual trade. The aim of the thesis is to divide the attitudes of the seven Arctic states into positive, negative or neutral. The conducted research according to all mentioned parameters defined the key points for this evaluation, which confirmed the hypothesis of the thesis. It is indeed possible to consider Russia as China's partner in the Arctic region, especially with regard to Russian proclamations and its cooperation in the region. The United States and Canada have taken a negative stance, both through their statements and by rejecting joint projects and not participating in Chinese summits. European countries, i.e. Finland, Sweden, Norway and Iceland can be perceived as neutral, as they express themselves in both directions. Until 2022, it would be possible to consider them more positively inclined, however, after the start of Russian aggression in Ukraine and the maintained Sino-Russian partnership in various areas, their attitude turned into more cautious and even negative. Greenland belonging to Denmark can also be rated as neutral, while Greenland's approach itself would be rather positive, but Copenhagen's almost anti-China policy for this area moves it to a neutral rating. At the same time, the thesis states that this assessment will probably not be valid after the end of the war in Ukraine, which has a significant influence on the attitudes of the North Atlantic Alliance states towards Russia, and therefore also on the activities it carries out together with China in the Arctic region.