

## **Abstract**

The thesis seeks to investigate the respective strategic narratives of Japan and the United States regarding the Indo-Pacific. The emergence of the Indo-Pacific concept in Japan, followed by its adoption in the United States, raises questions about the formation of the Indo-Pacific narrative and the motivations behind these developments. The thesis challenges the assumption of a shared vision between the two countries despite their significant similarities in their terminology around the Indo-Pacific, aiming to unravel their strategic narratives. Building on the strategic narrative theoretical framework and distinguishing between three narrative types, the qualitative content analysis examines Japan's and the United States government communications from 2016 to 2021, covering the Abe and Trump administrations. The thesis analyzes each strategic narrative type to uncover the underlying motivations and goals shaping the Indo-Pacific narratives. Ultimately, the thesis argues that while both countries prioritize regional stability in the Indo-Pacific region, their narratives reflect distinct national interests and visions for the Indo-Pacific, underscoring the complexity of regional dynamics and strategic alignments.