

Abstract

The bachelor thesis examines the Iranian nuclear programme as a potential security threat to Israel within the timeframe from the implementation day of the nuclear agreement with Iran in 2016 to the attack by the terrorist organization Hamas on October 7, 2023. The Issue of the threat posed by the Iranian nuclear programme remains highly relevant in the academic literature, also due to ongoing events. The threat was assessed based on the qualitative analysis of five indicators, which collectively provided an informative picture of developments between 2016-2023. The thesis contextualizes the evaluated indicators within the assumption of rational actor and argues that the Iranian nuclear programme constitutes a security threat to Israel even under the assumption that Iran is a rational actor. Furthermore, the thesis highlights the escalation of the proxy conflict between Israel and Iran, aggressive Iranian rhetoric, increased capabilities of the ballistic missile programme, uranium enrichment close to the 90 % threshold, and violations of commitments to the International Atomic Energy Agency as the main reasons why the Iranian nuclear programme can be perceived as a threat to Israel.