

Title

Analysis of the use of civilian drones in the Russian-Ukrainian war

Abstract

This thesis examines the impact of civilian drones on conventional deterrence theory in the context of the current Russian-Ukrainian conflict. Drawing on the theoretical framework presented by John Mearsheimer in "Conventional Deterrence," it analyzes how the proliferation and technological innovations of civilian drones, such as FPV drones, affect military strategies and tactics. It primarily focuses on 3 specific strategies put forward by John Mearsheimer. The thesis is constructed as an instrumental case study. Particular attention is paid to the challenges associated with data collection in ongoing conflict where available information is often limited and incomplete. This work provides new insights into the role of civilian drones in modern conflicts and their impact on deterrence concepts, contributing to current debates in international relations and security studies.

Keywords

UAV, conventional deterrence, russo-ukraian war