

PARADIGMATIC SHIFTS IN STRATEGIC RIVALRIES

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Abstract: *Until recently, since the end of the Cold War, we never witnessed such an amplitude. Strategic rivalries manifested especially at regional level after the Cold War period, culminated with the Ukrainian crisis, a peak in the last manifestation of international rivalry, basically due to the peripheral actors involved, the Ukrainian crisis demonstrated that international interstate rivalry is still playing.*

This paper proposes a brief analysis of several regional strategic rivalries and advances the existence of a new type of international strategic rivalry, a far more complex than the interstate type, rivalry which became more and more visible on the international scene with the emergence of ISIS, initially a declared fundamentalist terrorist organization that during last two years became a more complex entity.

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1. Introduction

The emergence and development of conflicts/crisis at regional or international level was generally approached as being the internal problem of a State, in its relations with neighboring States. Therefore, the conflict or crisis was perceived as having strict local causes (social, cultural, ethnic or religious ones, causes that generally are related to historical memory of parties engaged in conflict), Thus, in majority of studies approaching conflict, there is less, if not at all present, the influence of strategic rivalry among the States whose sphere of influence, as an example, there is situated the territorial development of certain conflicts. Or, in a very

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