

Review of: "Russian Military Renaissance: An Unnecessary War"

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This paper presents contradictory arguments and conclusions; probably the reason is its starting point: rational choice, and the misunderstanding of this theory. Russian actions and reactions are realistic as long as they followed national interests within international system. The research believes that rationalism and realism are contradictory. Russia, as China or the US is following national interests as the most rational option.

In my opinion, the paper lacks four points: 1. an explanation on the methodological tools to be used (rational choice, realism, idealism, neorealism...); 2. use it to show why the use of WMD is irrational if the very existence of the State is at risk; 3; which are the dependent variables for the outcome of Stalinization or chaos; and 4. conclusions as a consequence of the ideas above.