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Abstract

In the paper the activities of three international organizations concerning inter-state conflicts are analyzed. Taking into consideration countries included in the framework of DisTerrMem project (Great Britain, Poland, Armenia and Pakistan), the authors focused on the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), the Council of Europe (CoE) and the European Union (EU). These organizations differ in the extent of their activities and in the intensity of these activities in resolving territorial conflicts. They also use different methods based on the values shared by member states. However, these methods have a common feature - they are based primarily on diplomatic, social and cultural activities that make these organisations primarily 'soft power', which is particularly evident in the case of organizations based in Europe. The authors of books and articles discussed in this literature review focus primarily on the analysis of the moral, social and political background of the activities undertaken by these organizations, on assessing their effectiveness and on the possible ways of resolving conflicts between states.