

CFSP INTO THE SPOTLIGHT: THE EUROPEAN UNION'S FOREIGN POLICY TOWARD RUSSIA DURING THE CHECHEN WARS

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Abstract: *The European Union is a unique organization for the study of politics on both domestic and international level. The Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) of the European Union has been in various cases characterized as inefficient and lacking unity and consensus in addressing crisis situations. This paper makes an analysis of the CFSP during the two Chechen wars. It will first offer an insight into the Russo-Chechen conflict, then a short perspective on EU-Russian Federation relationship after the fall of the Soviet Union and finally analyze the CFSP through the Liberal Intergovernmentalism theory.*

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