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Politico-philosophical aspects of the agenda of international relations in the Arctic region (the case of the Barents cooperation)

The field of international politics in the Arctic is examined from the background of the postmodern approach to the study of international relations. The purpose of the paper is to analyse the agenda of cooperation in the Barents Euro-Arctic Region from its establishment to the present. The application of C. Bacchi's approach to discourse analysis in relation to the central documents of the Barents cooperation reveals the implicit objectives of the Barents Region functioning that are aimed at reducing the conflict potential in the region through cross-border horizontal contacts. In the conclusion, it is proposed to apply an alternative political philosophy methodology to gain more comprehensive results of the study of international relations in the Arctic.

Key words: Barents cooperation, philosophy of international relations, postmodernism in international relations theory, political discourse analysis.

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