Foreign Policy Doctrine and the Actions of Uzbekistan

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The Republic of Uzbekistan’s foreign policy has undergone dramatic fluctuations since gaining independence, from a pro-American extreme to a pro-Russian one and back again. Such a “pendulum” swing of the newly independent Central Asian state reflects its two ambivalent and interrelated stances: Tashkent’s perception of the international system as an old stage of power politics – somewhat a Soviet syndrome – and an uncertain geopolitical situation that emerged in Central Asia after the collapse of the Soviet Union. The operation in Afghanistan further confused the doctrinal foundation of Uzbekistan’s foreign policy, revealing the lack of Tashkent’s strategic perspective. As a result, Uzbekistan took rather isolationist tactics in the region instead of a long-awaited pro-active strategy.

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