ABSTRACT
Through a historical reconstruction of the configuration of the formation of the alliances and oppositions in the Middle East, as well as through a conjuncture analysis of the dynamics of China's presence in the region, this article aims at discussing the possibility of a military intervention from China in the Syrian Crisis. Based on a Neorealist approach evaluating the balance of power configuration and the rational behaviour of the States, calculating the utilitarian course of action, China’s role in the Middle East is referred to as an indirect balancing actor, thus very unlikely to engage militarily in Syria.

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