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The current trend in international relations is to pursue peace and security through cooperation rather than military confrontation. As such, sanction is now increasingly being adopted as foreign policy instrument to influence behaviour of deviant states in the international environment. Iran for that matter has been sanctioned in order to compromise on its nuclear program. China on the other hand has frequently undermines several sanctions and instead strengthen relations with Iran, despite international criticisms. China-Iran relation attracts massive attention due to their regional and global significance. The main objective of this research is to examine the sanctions and their impacts on China-Iran relation. To achieve such objectives, this research examines the reason behind Iran’s nuclear program and the significance of China-Iran relation. Realism theory is used to explain the U.S. and its allies’ sanctions against Iran. Meanwhile, the theory of liberalism has also been applied in the Iran-China mutual interest. The study used a qualitative method with secondary data from reliable sources. This research reveals that Iran’s nuclear program is for peaceful purposes. However, due to lack of transparency and cooperation for inspection on its nuclear facilities, Iran has been assumed to be developing nuclear weapons. This research also reveals that the sanctions on Iran deteriorate Iran-China relations. This research fills the gap in the previous literatures with new findings that have academic reflections in the discipline.
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