Abstract

Frequently citizens as well as analysts and journalists wonder which have been the foreign policy issues agreed upon by the different democratic governments since 1983. Some cases, such as the fight over Malvinas Islands territorial sovereignty recognition, might be mentioned. Agreement on that issue was strictly restricted to the goal itself - since there have been more than substantial divergences as to the policies applied. On the other hand, agreement as to the odds for regional integration has been an altogether different matter. Different because dissimilar governments have had a similar political orientation concerning Latin American and South American cooperation and integration. This diplomatic continuity was held as a State policy without actually being such. Yet, Argentina, in spite of all the instability and crisis the country underwent, has had an important share in the process of South American integration. In this paper it is stated that Argentina is well prepared not only to hold its participation but also to increase it so as to reach a certain level of regional influence by becoming a key factor for the conservation of processes aiming at sub regional union.

Keywords

Argentine foreign policy - integrationist diplomacy - South American integration.