

# The Geopolitics of the Caspian Sea: Regional Power Dynamics and Strategic Implications

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## Abstract

*The Caspian Sea, a unique water body situated between Europe and Asia, has attracted significant attention due to its vast energy resources and strategic location. Due to the region's geopolitical conditions, ever since the Soviet Union's breakup, it has existed as Eurasia's new Heartland. Some of the crucial geopolitical issues are the Caspian Sea's legal system, the Caspian Sea's geographic location at the centre of the Caucasus and Central Asian geopolitical spheres, the relationship between regional as well as trans-regional powers in the Caspian, the kinds of behaviour that characterise the Caspian Sea's littoral states in their economic and political interactions with one another and with transnational states, and finally all forms of geopolitics regulating the region. The geographical features of each nation bordering the Caspian basin have a specific position for them in this context. This research paper explores the geopolitical landscape of the Caspian Sea, examining the interests and interactions of regional powers such as Russia, Iran, and the Caspian riparian nations. The study also investigates the influence of external actors such as the European Union, China and the United States, affect regional dynamics by securing their energy needs and increasing their regional influence. The paper concludes by discussing the potential implications of these geopolitical dynamics for regional stability and international relations. The purpose of this study is to provide a thorough overview of the geopolitics of the Caspian Sea and Regional Power Dynamics and Strategic Implications. It is based on a thorough investigation of numerous academic and trans-governmental sources and various Conventions signed by littoral states of the Caspian basin.*

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