

PhD Dissertation Summary

**"The Navy of the Republic of Poland in the System of National Security  
in years 2007-2012"**

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The aim of the dissertation was to provide a solution to the following research question: what was the role of the Navy in the policy and system of national security of Poland in the years 2007-2012, in the context of existing geopolitical conditions? In the author's opinion, the fulfilment of the ancillary objective, which consisted of the assessment of the role of the Polish Navy in the national security policy in the period from the regaining of independence in 1918 to 2006, was helpful in achieving the main objective of the research. Both objectives were achieved by verifying the formulated hypotheses and obtaining the answers to the research questions raised. It was possible thanks to the use of the research model and the accepted theories of international relations in the conducted research, with regard to: a) the influence of geopolitical conditions on the Polish security policy, b) Polish economic interests in maritime areas, c) the guidelines of doctrines and strategies of NATO and the European Union, d) guidelines of documents regulating the policy and system of national security of the Republic of Poland, e) tasks of the Polish Navy, f) changes in the potential of the Polish Navy, g) development and modernisation programmes for the Polish Navy, and h) use of the Polish Navy in international training and operations.

The adoption of the 2007-2012 time caesura was caused by three factors. Firstly, the year 2007 was the moment of introduction of the first *National Security Strategy* (NSS), which created a systemic perspective in the design and planning of state activities in the area of national security. Secondly, the NSS of 2007 was the first document to be drafted after Poland joined both NATO and the EU. The third factor is the *Concept of Naval Development* presented in 2012 by the Ministry of National Defence, which abandoned the policy of modernisation, in favour of introducing new units.

The structure of the work consists of five chapters, which made it possible to present the theoretical objectives, describe the research results and evaluate the hypotheses through the prism of the adopted research model. The first chapter presents the key concepts and how they are understood by the author. The concepts have detailed the adopted research model, which was used for the research described in chapters two to five.

In the second chapter, the author, starting from Poland's regaining of independence in 1918, analysed the creation of state security policy in relation to geopolitical conditions and the role played by the Navy in this process. A similar mechanism applied to the period of the Polish People's Republic and the years since the dissolution of the Warsaw Pact.

The third chapter covers the period from 1990 to the first years of Poland's membership in NATO. The author has assessed the guidelines of the documents regulating Polish security policy and geopolitical conditions that influenced the reorientation of security policy towards the Euro-Atlantic direction. Moreover, the potential of the Polish Navy and its involvement in operations and international training were analysed.

The fourth chapter referred to the main purpose of the dissertation. Apart from the analysis of geopolitical conditions and its influence on the state security policy, the author presented there the results of the analysis of documents constituting the policy and security system of the Republic of Poland. Next, he analysed the tasks to be performed by the Polish Navy, in the light of the adopted guidelines of the policy and system of the national security, in comparison with geopolitical conditions.

The last chapter is devoted to the evaluation of political decisions concerning the development and use of the Polish Navy in security policy. It was possible thanks to the analysis of the meetings of the National Defence Committee of the Ministry of National Defence and the Ministry of Defence budget. In addition, the changes in the potential of the Polish Navy and its involvement in operations and training in the allied system were analysed in the last chapter.

The presentation of conclusions, in relation to the hypotheses and the answers to research questions, were included in the summary.