

POLITICAL AND MILITARY ALLIANCES

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***Abstract:** Considering international affairs and the role they play in ensuring national security, the paper here is a practical argument upon the role and mainly the importance exerted by the political military alliances. NATO stands as a chosen model, the most representative and vivid alliance; its role is being developed in the present day political context.*

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The theme of the security of states is associated with the theories of reason of state. This concept has emerged as a normative principle superior to other individual or group interests in society and has become a regulator principle of international behavior for any state. In a democracy, the structure of private interests may occur under the conditions of defining a public interest. David Clinton, in “*The National Interest: Normative Foundations*”, article published in „The Review of Politics”, vol. 48, no. 4, University of Notre Dame, 1986, emphasized that public interest becomes public good. Defining interest contributes to the fulfillment by the State of its obligations to protect and promote social good. Externally, this function of the state includes the ability to protect society from external threats and to engage in mutual cooperation with other countries.

In foreign affairs and security politics the discussion is mainly about **national interest**. National interest makes the state develop and maintain an optimum capacity to protect society and to promote its own public good. Security is also a public good, and it is the essential one. National interest relates to the regulator principle of the foreign and security policy, which considers the common good of society, the ultimate goal of diplomatic,

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