

## **Abstract**

Diploma thesis “NATO in the fight against terrorism and the formation of collective identity” deals with the impact of the threat of international terrorism on collective identity of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks on the US soil constitute a milestone in the history of NATO. The article 5 of Washington treaty was invoked for the first time. The main argument of the thesis states that, despite disagreements among allies about the role of the Alliance in the fight against terrorism after the September 11<sup>th</sup>, NATO was capable of reinforcing its collective identity and reformulating its purpose. The main goal of the thesis is to define a relationship between the perception of the threat of terrorism within NATO and collective identity of NATO, on the basis of arguments of social constructivism and with constructivist methodology. Discourse analysis of key NATO documents confirms the impact of September 11<sup>th</sup> on the transformation of strategic consideration of the Alliance, which has led to initiation of several efforts to fight terrorism. Outcomes of discourse analysis of United States, United Kingdom, France, Czech Republic and Poland reveal that terrorism has reinforced collective identity among NATO member states and has become a new threat for Alliance to deal with. Thus the member states perceive NATO as a basis of their security in the changing security environment.