

Abstract

This thesis deals primarily with the security integration of the Nordic countries after the end of World War II. It uses the constructivist concept of security community by Karl Deutsch and his revised version by authors Emanuel Adler and Michael Barnett. It tries to apply the proposed concept to the case of emerging and evolving of the security community in the Nordic region. Additionally, it attempts to deep analysis of the institutionalization of the security cooperation, which came after the end of the Cold War, and describes its limits and potential for the future. Finally, it examines the motives of the Nordic countries' joint participation in the international peacekeeping operations and the potential impact of such participation in shaping and strengthening the Nordic collective identity, which is a cornerstone for such communities.