

Abstract

The diploma thesis examines the uncertainty in the region of Baltic States that has a significant role in shaping and the dynamics of bilateral relations between NATO and Russia. For the analysis of dynamics in current relations and its perspectives between the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and Russia in Baltic States the author of this thesis chose the application of the Security dilemma concept. Analysed time period between 2014-2017 by selected supplementary theoretic concepts, such as Deterrence strategy and Copenhagen school encompass the security situation in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in the context of bilateral relations between Russia and NATO. The main goal of this thesis is to provide a full insight about current security environment in the Baltic States and its tendency presuming the security dilemma as a possible perspective of relations between NATO and Russia. Conclusions state that the formation of the security dilemma between NATO a Russia in the Baltic States has been shaped on the basis of changing context of the security environment and in particular by incompatibility of interests competing actors, when some of them perceives the international system as anarchic. The current atmosphere of regional relations covered by uncertainty and distrust among competing sides strengthens the continuity of the security dilemma as a perspective of their mutual relations in the future. This trend is shaped by Russian effort to revise the current status quo. Furthermore this perspective is maintained by predominant securitizing tendencies in the Baltic States reflecting their distrust and fears from Russia, its minorities and unpredictable, regional military hegemony. Simultaneously the incompatibility of interests completes the request of NATO to Russia to comply with the agreements and the international law to restore normal relations. Although this triangle of current incompatibility of interests between NATO, Russia and Baltic States hasn't confirmed the spiral phase of escalation with a real risk of military conflict among competing sides. It has been maintaining the mutual distrust and uncertainty in the region in the form of the Security dilemma.

Keywords

Security Dilemma, NATO, Russia, Baltic States, Securitization, Deterrence, Spiral model