

Abstract of doctorate

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The transformation of Polish Land Forces in the years 1989 - 2015 in the context of changes in international security

The aim of this publication is to explore the transformation of Polish Land Forces in the years 1989 – 2015 which was aimed at achieving the ability to conduct defense activities within the whole country. It was also aimed at fulfilling the allied commitment with NATO when the level of security in Europe had decreased because of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict.

In this work, there is a positive verification of the assumed hypothesis. It confirms that the process of transforming Polish Land Forces was dictated by the necessity of performing tasks relevant to the new defense policy, the core of which being the new international security considerations.

The work starts with deliberations concerning the status and situation of the Polish Army before 1989, during the period of subordination to the USSR.

The next part of the thesis focuses on many factors determining the transformation process, for example: changes in defense policy, participation in foreign missions, joining NATO and participation in its missions. Moreover it includes analyses concerning professionalization, restructuring and technical modernization of the Armed Forces.

To present the transformation process more clearly (as a process concerning the whole Armed Forces) some changes in Navy, Air Forces and Special Forces have also been indicated. The aim here was to underline their joint dependency and responsibility in ensuring security and stability within the country.

The base of this publication was personal survey research, conducted among 150 professional soldiers. The aim of survey was to know the opinion of soldiers about many aspects of functionality and abilities of the Polish Armed Forces.

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