

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS THEORY AND SECURITY**

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**Abstract**

Security has been and will be an essential preoccupation of state leaders, at least until the division of the international system in states remains in place. Analyzing the international relations theory, it becomes obvious that there is no universal accepted definition of security. Each international relations theory/approach uses and promotes its own definition of security. The paper aims to present and analyze the ways in which the main theories of international relations have understood to define security. Besides the theories that dominate international relations, realism and liberalism, other theories such as socio-constructivism, the Copenhagen School, feminist approaches, critical theories and postmodernist approaches are taken into account.

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