

## UNDERSTANDING OF SECURITY FROM ANCIENT TIMES TO CONTEMPORARY APPROACH

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**Summary:** The aim of this work is to give a comprehensive analysis of the notion of security from ancient to modern times as one of the central social sciences research topics, especially in the fields of philosophy, sociology, political science and some academic disciplines such as international relations and modern security studies. In this paper, the term, as well as content of the concept of security have been analysed, perceiving this subject as a basic need, value and interest. This intention was carried out through critical review of the idea and meaning of security in ancient times when this matter had been comprehended as a main man's objective, precondition for liberty and the most important value. Having in view disadvantages of traditional security concepts, the paper points out the key causes of enlarging the security exploration field: new circumstances regarding the international system development and emerging of new security challenges and threats. Finally, an endeavour has been made to determine the true essence of the notion of security, as determinant of new security concepts constituted under modern circumstances. Based on analysis of research frames, such modern determination of security concept offers directions for enlarging the security field research, especially the cooperative security concept.