

Information and Communication Technologies revolutionized the way modern national and international communities works. From societies based on digitally processed information to data driven economies, ICT enabled raise of unprecedented hyper-connectivity. At the same time our growing dependency on those technologies created a new security dilemmas. Through the course of the last two decades cybersecurity has become one of the core challenge. From legal documents, through military strategies, up to certification and regulation codes, *cyber* became an indispensable component of individual, national and international security.

From the purely technical perspective, the extensive homogenisation of computer systems (both on the software as well as hardware level) makes the set of possible threats highly similar and universal worldwide. Nevertheless taking into account the intersubjective model of threat construction within national (sometimes even international) communities, other factors including social, cultural, economic and sometimes even ideological one, are playing similarly important role. Furthermore, analysing processes shaping cybersecurity debate within certain countries allows for the better understanding of the wider social implications on the strategic and legislative actions introduced on the national level.

The issue of problematic conceptualisation of the term “cybersecurity” itself serves as a starting point for researching different cybersecurity discourses present in the Polish public debate. The fact of dependency of analysed social processes on technological factors as well as political, social and economic one is the key characteristics taken into account.

The main goal of the project is to analyse social processes which shaped perception of cybersecurity in Polish socio-political sphere. For this purpose two main research questions are put forward: Which processes shaped current polish public debate on cybersecurity? What kind of discourses were developed in that processes? Following general goals of the project supplementary research question are added:

- Which actors and what kind of security referent objects have been crucial for the analysed social processes?
- What kind of external and internal factors shaped those processes?
- Which social and symbolic resources have been used by participants?
- Which discourse had the greatest influence on the cybersecurity legal, institutional and regulatory outlook in Poland?