

***Raison d'État* in the Political Thought of the Polish People's Party in the 21st Century**

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Abstract: *The concept of raison d'État (reason of state) is very popular in Poland, and it will apparently remain relevant as long as the Polish state exists. The idea is commonly used in official statements by politicians, political journalism, and in various government documents. Raison d'État is an ambiguous concept, which results from simplified and often popular opinions on what is and what is not the raison d'État. Members of the Polish People's Party, a Polish party active on the local political scene since 1990, often resorted to the notion of raison d'État. The analysis of the political thought of the contemporary Polish People's Party leads to the conclusion that raison d'État was an important category. There were two principal areas in which raison d'État could be pursued. Firstly, these were internal State relations. PSL firmly believed that the Polish raison d'État could be achieved to the greatest extent in the conditions of political, economic and social democracy.*

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