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**“Mutual Defence and  
Assistance Clauses:  
A Comparative Analysis  
of Article 5 NATO  
and Article 42(7) TEU”**

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In this presentation, I will offer a thorough look at mutual defence and assistance clauses and compare four different aspects of Article 5 NATO and Article 42(7) TEU, respectively: what are the conditions of triggering obligations under these clauses; what is their territorial scope; what is actually owed under these provisions; what are the exact modalities of their application. To conclude, I will also explore the topical issue of what these provisions mean for Ukraine and whether it can accede to NATO and/or the EU, respectively, during an active international armed conflict.

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