

STRATEGIC EVALUATION 2024

DECLINE AND VIOLENCE IN THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ENVIRONMENT

Abstract

The present monograph, *Strategic Evaluation 2024 – Decline and Violence in the International Security Environment* offers a comprehensive analysis of the key strategic dynamics shaping the international system in a time of overlapping crises, growing instability, and systemic transformation.

The year 2024 marks a critical juncture in global affairs, characterized by the erosion of liberal democratic norms, the resurgence of interstate warfare, the deepening of economic uncertainty, and the increasing relevance of violent non-state actors.

The international order appears increasingly fragmented, volatile, and marked by centrifugal forces undermining the post-Cold War institutional architecture.

Europe faces mounting challenges, including the pressure of complex migration flows and the regression of liberal democracy governance. The ongoing war in Ukraine – now in its third year – reshapes the continent's security landscape and contributes to a broader reconfiguration of global power balances. Economically, the world is experiencing sustained turbulence, with inflation, supply chains disruption, and fiscal vulnerabilities affecting both developed and developing regions, including Romania. In the Asia-Pacific area, strategic rivalry between the United States and China intensifies, with regional tensions escalating across political, military and economic domains. In the Middle East and Africa, violent non-state actors have evolved into geopolitical players capable of controlling territories, projecting ideological narratives, and influencing regional security dynamics.

Through the interdisciplinary approach, grounded in international relations, strategic studies, geopolitics, communication studies and political economy, this volume provides a coherent analytical

framework for understanding the nature and implications of international environment stigmatized by decline and violence.

The monograph contributes to current academic and policy debates by identifying structural trends, mapping emerging risks, and outlining the evolving architecture of global insecurity.

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