



EDITOR'S NOTE

The 3rd edition of the journal, number 80, includes a collection of eight articles, written by both Romanian and foreign authors, followed by a review of a recently published book.

The journal is opened by the rubric *Security and Military Strategy*, with an article where Mr. Nicusor Cojan highlights certain UN initiatives and policies, designed to respond to challenges of the international environment, thus demonstrating the important role of general secretaries in the evolution and development of the organization. Further, Professor Florin Nistor, PhD, together with Associate Professor Engineer Lucian Valeriu Scipanov, PhD, sign a study that aims to achieve the correspondence between the characteristics of the Black Sea and the necessary capabilities for the manifestation of maritime power, through a proper feedback in case of joint military actions to contribute to supporting national interests at the maritime and riverine areas. The third article's author in this section, Robert Zsákai PhD, aims to set out the elements for assessing the risk and resilience of people in disaster situations, in order to understand weaknesses, with the recommendation that the assessment results be included in the measures for emergency planning.

Under the heading *NATO and EU: Policies, Strategies, Actions*, we have included a paper signed by Miklós Böröcz, who outlines the risks involved in critical infrastructure, as well as EU action in the field of critical infrastructure protection. The second article included in this section belongs to Mr. Lajos Szabó and Mrs. Zsuzsanna Balogh, PhD, and aims at showing some of the existing ways, tools, and techniques of protecting (critical) infrastructure elements that can be easily adapted in Hungary.

Next, within the rubric *The Terrorist Threat*, one may read an analysis of Mrs. Associate Professor Alba Iulia Catrinel Popescu, PhD, on how the attack orchestrated by Salafist fanatics in Al Qa'ida on the USA, on September 11, 2001, transformed and continues to transform society and global geopolitical dynamics.

In the *Information Society* section, we have included an article written by Professor Daniel Dumitru, PhD, and Mrs. Cristina Bodoni that highlights the role of diplomats in the cyber security environment and the link between hybrid warfare, digital diplomacy and humanitarian law.

In the rubric *Military History*, Mrs. Associate Professor Alba Iulia Catrinel Popescu, PhD, is advancing an analysis of the evolution of economic relations between Romania and the sub-Saharan states before the events of December 1989 and in the first two decades of the transition towards a market economy.



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In the **Book Review** section, we would like to bring to the readers' attention a book by the Romanian Reserve Officers Association (AORR), which describes its activities and role in the current context, and coordinated by Brigadier General (rtr.) Vasile Băețelu, PhD, and Lieutenant Colonel (rtr.) Virgil Bălăceanu, PhD, and reviewed by our colleague, Colonel (r.) Researcher Crăișor-Constantin Ioniță, PhD.

Also, this edition includes the **Guide for authors**, a mandatory reading for those who want to disseminate the research results in *Strategic Impact*.

For those who read for the first time *Strategic Impact*, it is an open-access peer reviewed journal, edited by the Centre for Defence and Security Strategic Studies and published with the support of "Carol I" National Defence University Publishing House, and, according to the National Council for Titles, Diplomas and Certificates (CNATDCU), the publication is a prestigious scientific journal in the field of military sciences, information and public order.

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Regarding international visibility – the primary objective of the journal – the recognition of the publication's scientific quality is confirmed by its indexing in the international databases CEEOL (Central and Eastern European Online Library, Germany), EBSCO (USA), ProQuest (USA) and, in addition, WorldCat and ROAD ISSN, but also its presence in virtual catalogues of libraries of prestigious institutions abroad, such as NATO and of universities with military profile in Bulgaria, Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary, Estonia etc.

Strategic Impact is printed in two distinct editions, both in Romanian and English language. The journal is distributed free of charge in main institutions in the field of security and defence, in the academia and abroad – in Europe, Asia and America.

In the end, we would like to encourage those interested to publish in our journal to prospect and evaluate thoroughly the dynamics of the security environment and, also, we invite the interested students, Master Students and Doctoral Candidates to submit articles for publication in the monthly supplement of the journal, *Strategic Colloquium*, available on the Internet at <http://cssas.unap.ro/ro/cs.htm>, indexed in the international database CEEOL, Google scholar and ROAD ISSN.

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