



## EDITOR'S NOTE

Strategic Impact journal no. 1/2023 is dedicated to a past year marked by challenges and changes involving the geopolitical and geostrategic situation on the eastern border of the European Union, by encompassing seven articles, a book review, followed by the *Scientific Event* section and the *Guide for authors*.

Firstly, in the *Political-Military Topicality* section, the article opening the journal belongs to our colleague, CS II Mirela Atanasiu, PhD, and deals with establishing the degree of resilience of the current international security system and what transformative trends are identified in the international law system and in the global order in general, but also as effects of the development of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict. In the same context, Mr. Zsolt Csepregi analyses the state of NATO's efforts on the southern flank, arguing that, in the context of the Russia-Ukraine war, robust NATO cooperation in the South, having Israel as a key pillar, is more important than ever, even though it is a low priority on NATO's agenda in 2023 because of the ongoing war.

Next, in the *Security and Military Strategy* heading, Mrs. Simona-Daniela Bordea aims to highlight the importance of the Black Sea for the Pontic states, having in mind the fact that nowadays, in the context of the new international context, it represents an important cross-border resource both for the security of the states in the region and for the security of NATO and the EU alike. In the same rubric, Mr. László Teknös, PhD, explains that as it is important to deal with the analysis and presentation of psychic phenomena shortly or long after a disaster occurs, identifying and mapping the expected psychic consequences is mandatory in searching for protection options and solutions. The third article in this section, written by Dragoş Ilinca, PhD, aims to deepen the way Common Security and Defence Policy (CARD) contributes to the creation of an integrated framework for the functioning of European defence cooperation and proposes a comprehensive perspective by analysing how CARD contributes to guiding the interaction between Member States on the capability dimension and, last but not least, to strengthening EU-NATO complementarity.

In the *Information Society* section, Mr. Cristian-Ionel Haidău analyses and explains why humorous satirical memes have come to be used in influence actions and campaigns and why they have increased effectiveness, especially among trained people, compared to other techniques encompassing two dimensions: baggage



and genetic programming together with the chemistry of the human body, where hormones play a very important role, and the social, tribal dimension, where man is a being who wants and needs belonging to a group to feel safe, accepted and valued.

In the *Military Society* rubric, Mr. Andi Mihail Băncilă, PhD, explains how in order to theoretically preserve the chance to integrate the former province of Bessarabia into the new empire during 1924, the new Kremlin leader Joseph Stalin decided to form a republic and a new people, the Moldavian SSR and the Moldavian people distinct from the Romanian one, a decision proven to be catastrophic for the Romanians living in Bessarabia over the next 100 years, who in this way could be forced to link their fate to Russia.

The *Book Review* section brings to the readers' attention a book edited by Mr. János Besenyő, PhD, Mr. Joseph Huddleston, and Mr. Yahia Zoubir, PhD, which provides the very first comprehensive analysis of MINURSO (the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara), focused on its activities, composition, purpose, and operational future in Western Sahara, the world's last colony.

The *Scientific Event* rubric briefly presents aspects of interest from the Workshop on *Lessons Identified in the Conflict Management in Ukraine*, held online on March 23rd, 2023, which was based on the events of the year-long Russian massive assault on Ukraine, and specialists in the field set out to identify the most important aspects of the conflict so far.

Also, this edition includes the *Guide for authors*, a mandatory reading for those who wish to disseminate the research results in our journal.

For those discovering *Strategic Impact* for the first time, the publication 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, also, a prestigious scientific journal in the field of military sciences, information and public order, according to the National Council for Titles, Diplomas and Certificates (CNATDCU).

*Strategic Impact* is an academic publication in the field of strategic defence and security studies journal that has been published since 2000 in Romanian, and since 2005 in English, in print and online. The articles are checked for plagiarism and scientifically evaluated (double blind peer review method). The thematic areas include political science, international relations, geopolitics, the political-military sphere, international organizations – with a focus on NATO and the EU information society, cyber security, intelligence studies and military history. Readers will find in the pages of the publication strategic-level analyses, syntheses and evaluations, views that explore the impact of national, regional and global dynamics.



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**Starting with issue no. 1/2023, the journal will be published exclusively in English.** The decision was taken to support authors in order to avoid duplication of effort and hopefully this will prove to be beneficial.

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

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 encourage those interested in publishing in our journal to rigorously survey and assess the dynamics of the security environment and, at the same time, we invite 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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