



## EDITOR'S NOTE

The fourth edition of Strategic Impact journal, volume 89/2023, comprises four articles where the authors disseminate their research findings in terms of political-military affairs, strategies and actions in the field of NATO and EU, trends and perspectives in geopolitics and geostrategy, as well as the information society, to which is added **Book Review** and **Scientific Event** rubrics.

**Political-Military Topicality.** Petru MIHALCEA, PhD Student, in his research *Is the Contemporary Russia-Ukraine Conflict “Conventional”?* attempts to reveal the extent to which the Russian-Ukrainian conflict can be classified as conventional since both sides have been using a long range of elements of unconventional war. The paper also emphasizes that the conflict cannot be classified fully conventional or unconventional as the actors use both elements to reach their military and political objectives.

**NATO and EU: Policies, Strategies, Actions.** As the UN, NATO and the EU have proven that building resilience is a good solution to increase the security level of organizations, the second article, *Romanian Resilience from the Perspective of Security Sectors in a Globalized World*, written by our colleague, Scientific Researcher Mirela ATANASIU, PhD, presents a few resilience indicators and practices at the level of national security of Romania, with an emphasis on the security sectors through the lenses of the methodological framework of Copenhagen School.

**Geopolitics and Geostrategy: Trends and Perspectives.** Diana-Cristiana LUPU, PhD, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> article *Multilateralism – Past, Present and Possible Futures*, examines the current perception of the foundations of global cooperation stability, considering the high level of interconnectedness as well as the complexity of the crises our world is currently facing. There are presented some of the challenges to the multilateral system focusing on the UN, an inclusive multilateral institution, and the EU, a regional one, and mentioning also Romania's position in this context.

**Information Society.** The following article *Threat Actors Seeking to Exploit AI Capabilities. Types and Their Goals*, signed by Petru KOVACI, PhD Candidate, talks about a world where cybercriminals are interested in making profit, terrorist groups cause ideological violence and nation-states target geopolitical influence, and they are increasingly interested in developing AI-driven cyber warfare capabilities for either attacking their enemies or enhancing their defence measures against such attacks. Thus, it has become crucial for organizations and individuals to understand



how AI affects cybersecurity and adapt their strategies accordingly. Traditional defences must be supplemented with AI-powered tools and techniques to stay ahead of the curve, while security experts must continually update their skills and expertise to cope with the changing threat landscape.

In the **Book Review** rubric, we bring to the public's attention a review essay, signed by Researcher Mihai-Vladimir ZODIAN, PhD, called *Nuclear proliferation, strategies, and Romania's case*, where the author speaks about the book *Seeking the bomb* that stresses the significance of nuclear proliferation and the fact that the issue is still important, and the salience may even grow, since the arms control and disarmament security regime weakened after Russia's aggression against Ukraine. Thus, the author believes that we may face an even greater impact in the future than the one expected at the time the book was written.

The edition also includes the **Scientific Event** section, that presents aspects of interest from the workshop on the Phase II of the Project entitled *The impact of climate change on Romania's national security*, held on 26 October 2023.

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

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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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