



INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

“Lessons identified from the conflict in Ukraine”

16th May, 2024

The Centre for Defence and Security Strategic Studies (CDSSS) within “Carol I” National Defence University (NDU) was the host of the second edition of the International Seminar on “*Lessons identified from the conflict in Ukraine*”, which took place on 16th May 2024.

This year’s edition of the Seminar was held in hybrid format, online on the E-Learning platform ILIAS DIDAD and on-site, in the University Senate Hall, according to the CDSSS Agenda with the main activities for the academic year 2023-2024, document approved by the Commandant of “Carol I” NDU.

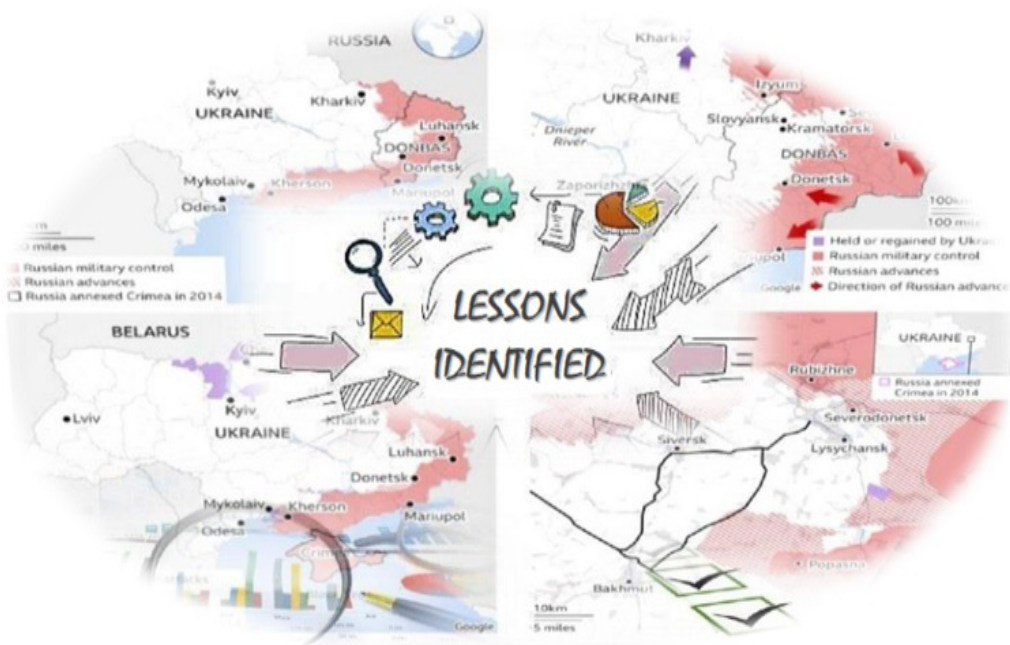


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The event aimed to analyse certain aspects regarding the evolution of the conflict in Ukraine and the lessons identified in the conduct of the armed conflict. The main objectives referred to the analysis of the implications of the events taking place in Ukraine – targeting the following dimensions: political, military, legal, economic, social, informational, and humanitarian. Also, the event aimed at the identifying the main threats at national and international level, as well as, analysing the major consequences in terms of regional and global stability and security generated by the scale of the armed conflict.

More than two years after the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation, at dawn on February 24th, 2022, the largest attack on a European country since the Second World War, the security situation in the South-East European region remains extremely tense and continues to pose a real threat to European security, but also to the Alliance. We find ourselves in a particularly complex international context with multiple challenges on the political, military, legal, economic, social, informational and humanitarian dimensions. The sacrifice and suffering of the Ukrainian people in the face of Russian aggression appeals to the international community to morally and politically continue and step up its support for Ukraine.

In the opening speech of the Seminar, the Commandant (Rector) of “Carol I” NDU, Major General Eugen MAVRIȘ, presented several aspects of the current security environment, more than two years after the outbreak of the war in South-Eastern Europe, caused by the unprovoked invasion of the Russian Armed Forces on Ukraine, a



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situation that had a profound impact on the international security environment, generating a large-scale military conflict in the Romanian vicinity. At the same time, the Commandant (Rector) conveyed to those present: “I strongly believe that the scientific event will constitute an opportunity for all of us to gain a better grasp of the solutions for today’s challenges and to develop new ideas regarding the effects on national, regional and international security. Their development may contribute to achieving success in training and conducting future warfare.”



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The activity was moderated by Colonel PhD Florian CÎRCIUMARU, CDSSS Director, and Colonel PhD Dan-Lucian PETRESCU, Head of the Strategic Analysis and Evaluations Office within CDSSS. The Organizing Committee of the Seminar, under the coordination of the CDSSS Director, included the management staff of the Centre, as well as the members of the specialized microstructure –Scientific Secretariat, Events and Collaborations Department.

The seminar brought together numerous specialists, both military and civilian, members of the national and international scientific community, representatives of military and civilian higher education institutions of Ukraine (National Defense University of Ukraine; “Taras Shevchenko” National University in Kyiv; Institute of Military Law, Kharkiv; “Igor Sikorsky” Kyiv Polytechnic Institute), the representative of NATO Liaison Office in Kyiv, representatives of the operational institutions and structures within the Ministry of National Defence (Combined Forces



Command, Air Staff, Naval Staff, Training and Doctrine Directorate, Department for Defence Policy, Planning and International Relations, Regional Department of Defense Resources Management Studies), the Association of Reserve Officers from Romania, representatives of the National System of Defense, Public Order and National Security and, also, CDSSS research staff.



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Based on the theme of the event, the debates focused on four topics: the rhetoric of nuclear proliferation, the role of CIMIC in conflict, hybrid warfare techniques (disinformation, propaganda, manipulation), issues of violations of International Humanitarian Law, other rights, and the consequences of the war.

Therefore, the proposed theme provided the framework for 22 presentations, in English, which were debated:

- *“THE IMPORTANCE OF LL SYSTEM IN EDUCATION AND TRAINING SYSTEM”*
- *“RUSSIAN WAR AGAINST UKRAINE LESSONS LEARNED CURRICULUM GUIDE: MAY 2024 PERSPECTIVES ”*
- *“INFORMATION CHALLENGES OF LARGE-SCALE RUSSIAN AGRESSION AGAINST UKRAINE”*
- *“RUSSIAN-UKRAINIAN WAR: THE CHALLENGES OF CIVIL-MILITARY RELATIONS”*
- *“RUSSIAN INVASION: EXPECTATIONS VS REALITY”*
- *“NUCLEAR RHETORIC IN RUSSIA’S WAR AGAINST UKRAINE”*



- *“THE NUCLEAR DIMENSION: WAR, COERCIVE DIPLOMACY AND THE LIMITS OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY”*
- *“ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING AND PROLIFERATION CONTROL OF THE UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE UKRAINE CONFLICT”*
 - *“MAINTENANCE ASPECTS OF UKRAINIAN DRONES”*
 - *“THE POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF HYBRID WARFARE ON THE SECURITY OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION IN THE CONTEXT OF THE UPCOMING EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ELECTIONS”*
 - *“GOVERNANCE CONTINUITY AND BUSINESS RESILIENCE – LESSONS IDENTIFIED FROM UKRAINE”*
 - *“INTEGRATED EDUCATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURES FOR INTELLIGENT LEARNING: DIGITAL WARFARE”*
 - *“ROLE OF GENERAL INSPECTORATE FOR EMERGENCY SITUATIONS IN MANAGING THE INFLUX OF PEOPLE FROM THE RUSSIAN-UKRAINIAN CONFLICT ZONE”*
 - *“CHALLENGES FOR FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION IN BLACK SEA REGION”*
 - *“NEW LESSONS IDENTIFIED DURING THE SECOND YEAR OF WAR IN UKRAINE”*
 - *“WHERE ARE WE HEADING? WHAT WILL BE THE NEW POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND MILITARY ORGANIZATION IN THE FUTURE?”*
 - *“DEFICIENCIES OF THE MILITARY TRAINING SYSTEMS OF THE ARMED FORCES INVOLVED IN THE WAR”*
 - *“THE RUSSIAN-UKRAINIAN WAR. ACTS OF VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW AND THEIR PUNISHMENT”*
 - *“THE CHALLENGE OF BALANCING SOCIAL COHESION AND THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN UKRAINE”*
 - *“LESSONS IDENTIFIED ON DISINFORMATION IN THE CONTEXT OF OVER TWO YEARS OF WAR IN UKRAINE”*
 - *“THE ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF THE WAR IN UKRAINE”*
 - *“ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS THE HUMAN LOSSES IN THE CONFLICT IN UKRAINE. LESSONS IDENTIFIED IN THE CONDUCT OF THE CONFLICT”.*

At the end of the activity, the conclusions were presented on the results of the scientific endeavor, which achieved its goal this time as well, the scientific character of the event being fully realized, demonstrating once again the major common concern on security at national and regional level.

Information about upcoming events organized by CDSSS can be found on the website: <https://cssas.unap.ro/ro/manifestari.htm>

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