



EDITOR'S NOTE

The third issue of 2024, volume number 92, of the scientific journal *Strategic Impact* includes four articles, covering a range of topics, and two book reviews and the Guide for authors. The articles' topics vary from aspects related to climate change and its connection to the military domain, and perspectives on the strategic role of naval forces. Additionally, the topics delve into the phenomenon of terrorism, its link with social media and the Internet, and terrorist attacks targeting the banking industry in Europe.

The first section, ***Political-Military Topicality***, includes an article written by our colleague, Brigadier General Crăișor-Constantin Ioniță, PhD. The article highlights the main effects of climate change on the conduct of military operations, emphasizing significant countermeasures at both allied and national levels. The study represents a new decisive factor on the modern battlefield, which could either reinforce existing risks, or become a totally new one.

The second rubric, ***Geopolitics and Geostrategy: Trends and Perspectives***, features an article by commander (Navy) Alexandru-Lucian Cucinschi, PhD, which highlights the importance of naval forces in fostering a strong maritime awareness. It also illustrates the strategic role of each military service, with an emphasis on the strategic mission of the Romanian Naval Forces.

Under the umbrella of ***The Terrorist Threat*** rubric, we find two articles. The first, authored by Mr. Iancu-Marius Bufnea, discusses how terrorism leverages social media and, by extension, the Internet, with profound social and psychological implications, to recruit many individuals all over the world for hostile actions. Additionally, the paper explores the concept of "filter bubbles", through which social media algorithms facilitate interactions among people with similar radical perspectives, thereby contributing to user polarization and radicalization.

The second article, written by Mr. Tamas Somogyi, a PhD Student, and Colonel (Ret) Rudolf Nagy, PhD, is a study aimed at examining terrorist attacks on European banks over the past 20 years, identifying trends and patterns, and providing several recommendations to enhance resilience.

In this edition, the ***Book Review*** rubric introduces two book reviews. The first, written by Brigadier General Crăișor-Constantin Ioniță, PhD, introduces the book *Politicizing Islam in central Asia. From the Russian Revolution to the Afghan and Syrian Jihads*, by Kathleen Collins. The second review, by Mr. Vladimir-Mihai Zodian, PhD, presents the book titled, *Romania's Holy War: Soldiers, Motivation and the Holocaust*, written by Grant T. Harward.

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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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 at URL: <http://cssas.unap.ro/ro/cs.htm>, indexed in the international database CEEOL, Crossref, ROAD ISSN, and Google scholar, ResearchBib and Open Journal Systems.

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