



## EDITOR'S NOTE

The most recent issue of *Strategic Impact* (Volume 94) comprises a diverse array of academic articles featuring research on cybersecurity vulnerabilities in logistics due to emerging technologies, the perception of alliances during the Ukraine war shaped by identity and media narratives, and a case study on the humanitarian impacts of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, focusing on data inconsistencies, resilience, and propaganda's role in public morale. This volume also includes a book review, and it features the outcomes of the Strategies XXI International Scientific Conference "The Complex and Dynamic Nature of the Security Environment" held on February 27<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

The first section, ***Political-Military Topicality*** rubric, in the article co-authored by Mr. Viorel Ordeanu, PhD, and Mr. Andronic Benoni, PhD, we are provided a case study-based analysis of the humanitarian dimensions of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, highlighting inconsistencies in health and social data, the impact of combatant and civilian losses on resilience and combat effectiveness, and the strategic use of propaganda in shaping public perception and sustaining morale.

The second rubric of this issue, ***Security and Military Strategy***, comprises an article authored by Mrs. Mirela Atanasiu, PhD, who examines the impact of Russia's military aggression against Ukraine on international security and the rule of law, highlighting how the conflict challenges legal norms and undermines liberal principles in global governance. Through legal analysis and assessment of affected security structures, the research aims to identify emerging legal challenges and anticipate implications for the evolving international legal and security order.

The ***Emerging Technologies*** rubric presents an article written by Mrs. Daniela-Elena Hrab, PhD Candidate, who investigates in her study the cybersecurity vulnerabilities arising from the increasing integration of emerging technologies in logistics, while offering significant economic, social, and environmental benefits, also expose supply chains to heightened cyber risks, particularly amid low awareness levels. The research addresses a critical gap by exploring opportunities for civil-military cooperation in mitigating these threats. Also, the study stresses the need for a paradigm shift in military logistics support, and identifies ten key domains where enhanced civil-military collaboration is essential.

In this edition, the ***Book Review*** rubric we find the work of Radu Umbreș, titled *Living with Distrust*, reviewed by our colleague, Mr. Vladimir-Mihai Zodian, PhD. The book explores morality, cooperation, and social norms function in a Romanian village, revealing how deep-rooted distrust shapes relationships, community life, and informal institutions in post-communist rural Romania.

The ***Scientific Event*** rubric brings to the reader's attention the 24<sup>th</sup> edition of the CDSST "STRATEGIES XXI" International Scientific Conference, held in hybrid format on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025, which explores current and emerging security challenges. Key



topics included security and defence policies, hybrid threats, climate change, the Russia-Ukraine war, great power rivalries in the Indo-Pacific, Middle East tensions, security dynamics in Africa and Central Asia, and future-oriented strategic scenarios.

Also, this edition includes the ***Guide for authors***, a mandatory reading for those who wish to disseminate their 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 the Accreditation of University Titles, Diplomas and Certificates (CNATDCU).

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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 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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