

EDITOR'S NOTE

The COVID-19 pandemic changed the world in many ways. Societies are changing, the world's economy is worsening. A crisis arises. Today's security and safety challenges are much different than a year ago. In this new context, the old conflicts evolve, and new difficulties occur. Current world problems require scientific analysis and research.

We are pleased to share the newest issue of "Ante Portas – Security Studies". Our Authors prepared articles concerning regional and global threats and challenges that we are recently witnessing.

Professor Svetlana Cebotari brought the topic of the COVID-19 pandemic and its influence on the conflict zones (together with Carolina Budurina-Goreacii), and also the U.S.-Chinese confrontation in the World Health Organization (together with Victoria Bevziuc). We are sure that soon we will be hosting many more articles concerning the COVID-19 influence on safety and security.

Polish and Lithuanian Authors depicted other serious challenges concerning new technologies, such as data security (Aleksandra Olender), European cybersecurity (Tomasz Gajewski) and military futurology (Vadim Volovoj).

Much space was devoted to the Georgian and East-European security. Professor Vaktang Maisaia analysed the issue of EU Defence Policy towards the Caucasus (together with Col. Miranda Mikadze), Gorda Gibradze interpreted the Georgian relations after the Russo-Georgian War, and Maya Urushadze brought closer the problem of Kremlin propaganda.

The pandemic has not diminished the significance of the existing threats, such as the connection of terrorism and immigration in Europe (Col. Crăişor C. Ioniță), NATO's role in civil protection (Claudiu Bratu, Mariana Barbu) and the defence management (Prof. M. Kubilay Akman).

This issue is special but in a very sad way. In May 2020, we said goodbye to our friend, who has repeatedly published in "Ante Portas – Security Studies", professor Leonid Gusev. Rest in peace...

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