

## EDITORS' NOTE

The COVID-19 pandemic has markedly changed the world not only in the healthcare dimension but also in the political, economic and social spheres. Spatial extent, the number of infected and deceased people, duration as well as the long-term effects elicited by the pandemic – comparable to the Great Depression in the years 1929-1933 – justify talking about the pandemic as a macrosystemic event.

In the "Ante Portas – Security Studies" journal, we have published many articles on medical security in the past, but no other phenomenon in the recent history of the world has influenced the level of global security as much as the COVID-19 pandemic.

Therefore, the current issue of our periodic is devoted to the issue of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on changes in the global security architecture. The authors analyze this issue in various areas – geopolitical, military, economic, medical and social, pointing out the often very diverse implications of the pandemic on various aspects of life. In the current issue, we publish 10 articles by academics and experts from Poland, Romania, Denmark and Georgia. In the opening article by Alba Popescu, Romanian analyst, wonders how the pandemic affected the Global Geopolitical Game. Vakhtang Maisaia and others also analyzes the phenomenon of the pandemic from the perspective of geopolitics and information warfare. The next paper, by Anna Bałdyga, concerns the impact on the global economy. The social consequences of the pandemic, based on the example of Nepalese society, are analyzed by Carsten Sander Christensen. In the next text, Eka Beraia from Georgia wonders what the connections are between the pandemic and the Russian information war. The economic aspects of the pandemic and its impact on global supply markets are the subject of considerations by the next author, Przemysław Furgacz. Edyta Dziewięcka and others analyze the state of public awareness about the pandemic, using the example of Polish students. In the next article, Khatuna Chapichadze analyzes the phenomenon of anti-vaccine movements, which is important for security issues. In the next text, Aliko Guchua considers the SARS-CoV-2 virus as a potential biological weapon. In the last article, Leszek Markuszewski and others discusses the impact of the pandemic on changes in the Polish Health Care System.

We hope that the latest issue of the "Ante Portas – Security Studies" journal, which covers the topic of the pandemic in all articles, but analyzes it from the perspective of military, political, medical, economic and social security, will interest our readers and will constitute an intellectual contribution to research on the phenomenon of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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