

EDITORS' NOTE

Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, significantly changed the world's security architecture. The Russian-Ukrainian war contributed to the redefinition of the modern battlefield. As it turned out, in the 21st century it is possible to fight not only hybrid wars and base strategy on asymmetric actions, but we are witnessing actions with a regular front line, with the involvement of several hundred thousand armed forces on both sides of the conflict, with massive use of armored weapons, among other things. But the arena of the Russian-Ukrainian struggle is not just a déjà vu of the past - it also includes brand-new weapons, used on a hitherto unknown scale, such as combat drones. On the other hand, the Russian-Ukrainian war has broad implications for the world. Its impact on the geopolitical balance of power, on the world economy, social and political processes cannot be overestimated. Finally, the ongoing war is a field for broad analyses of what has happened, what is currently happening and what may happen beyond Poland's eastern border.

The editors of "Ante Portas - Security Studies" have decided to dedicate the Russian-Ukrainian war to the 20th issue of our journal, entitled "Russo-Ukrainian War 2022-? Origins, causes, course and effects". Authors from Poland, Ukraine, UK, Georgia, Lithuania and Latvia in 10 texts analyze the geopolitical, political, military and economic aspects of the ongoing war. The articles address the nature of the ongoing war, the issue of Russian geostrategy, and the actions of Russian propaganda accompanying the war. The authors also attempt to forecast the long-term development of the situation in Ukraine.

The journal also included three articles unrelated to the topic of the Russian-Ukrainian war, but dealing with interesting security aspects. Authors from Turkey and Poland focused on the problem of separatist movements, bioweapons, and artificial intelligence.

In the "Reviews" section, Piotr Gil reviewed an interesting publication by Roman Polko and Paulina Polko containing reflections on security in a post-pandemic and war- and crisis-ridden world.

As you will have noticed, Issue 20 is the only issue that appeared in 2023. After several years of publishing a biannual, the editors are returning to the original concept of the journal as a yearbook. Contrary to appearances, this does not mean that we will publish less texts and content. On the contrary. We want the "Ante Portas - Security Studies", which is still growing and gaining authors, to be a periodical that is noticed in the world of security studies. Therefore, we intend to publish valuable, analytical texts, having more time to prepare the next issues of the journal, but also enriching it with valuable

materials that have so far been less frequent or missing from our pages. Starting with the next issue, we want to expand the reviews section, return to publishing expert analyses, and introduce a section for expert interviews with people involved in security policy. We will also abandon shorter texts in favor of more synthetic studies of security policy in its broadest sense. We hope you will appreciate our concepts and the changes we are preparing.

At the same time, another change that needs to be mentioned is the end of my mission as editor-in-chief. After 8 years in this position and the publication of 14 issues, I can express my deep satisfaction at having succeeded in creating something lasting in the publishing market – a magazine that already has a history and a legacy. I have no doubt that my successors will continue my mission.

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