

# Editorial

*Dear readers,*

*In this introduction, I'd like to introduce you to the latest issue of the Strategos journal. The editors have included several new and interesting scientific and professional works in this edition.*

*The first paper, Contemporary forms of warfare – insurgency and counterinsurgency operations – Case study: Syrian Arab Republic was co-authored by the Dean of the Croatian Defence Academy (CDA), assistant professor Kozina, and Lieutenant Bortek on the basis of mentoring on the thesis at the University of Zagreb's graduate study Military Leadership and Management, which was defended in July 2019. Here, modern forms of warfare – insurgency and counterinsurgency – are portrayed as phenomena that have existed throughout the history of human civilization.*

*The paper Legal gap and/or lack of analysis of criminal offenses against the Croatian Armed Forces, written by the CDA Assistant Professor and Vice-Dean Gracin in collaboration with cadet Trlin, serves as a superb legal insight into the particular issues of criminal offenses. Since no other authors of criminal law themes have covered the subject, it remains particularly intriguing.*

*With his article Defence Diplomacy and International Relations, Assistant Professor Ćutić from the CDA's Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies addresses a novel defence diplomacy strategy while providing a theoretical and practical analysis of the evolution of military and defence diplomacy. The author discusses innovative defence diplomacy strategies and highlights their significance in fostering a secure environment. Changes in the field of defence diplomacy are discussed, as well as new forms and trends in international defence policy, together with the role that defence policy plays on the international stage in the development of international bilateral and multilateral trust and security.*

*In collaboration with Lieutenant Dedo and Lieutenant Commander Sunko, two Croatian Navy officers, Professor Fabac from Varaždin's Faculty of Organization and Informatics examines the subject of Team leadership and teamwork in the Croatian Navy – Maritime Interdiction Operations Teams. This current topic is discussed both from a theoretical and practical vantage point.*

*Assistant Professor Gracin, Assistant Professor Herceg, and Second Lieutenant Kovačić co-authored another paper on the legal topic – Challenges in considerations of euthanasia as a crime and an act of mercy. The authors examine euthanasia as a distinct phenomenon and provide a comparative account of euthanasia's criminal aspects. The authors explain the concepts of euthanasia and assisted suicide and analyse the issue based on the legal solutions of several selected countries using relevant literature, case analysis, and a comparative method. The discussion yielded a proposal to take appropriate legal steps.*

*Comparative analysis of the concept of situational awareness and the OODA loop is the paper authored by the Vice-Dean at CDA Colonel Čolić. He presents the contribution of the OODA loop to modern military operations planning and execution through a comparative analysis. Čolić emphasizes the use of the concept of SA and the OODA loop in the introduction of disruptive technologies into the military decision-making process in his paper.*

*The next paper entitled Improving the integrity of military-defence communication systems using network access points with a focus on terrestrial radio-relay links, by Lieutenant Colonel Kravaica, presents a systematic and organizational-technical view of possible solutions as a generator for the continuation of the development of tactical communication networks of the ground forces. The goal of this demanding and complex work is to contribute to the Croatian military-normative (CMN) regulation within the framework of functional national military doctrine.*

*Finally, the new edition of Strategos includes a review of two books: Grand Strategy by Peter Layton, for which Assistant Professor Ćutić wrote the review, and The Politics of Prudence by Russell Kirk, for which historian Arapović wrote the review.*

*As a conclusion to this editorial, I express my hope that these works will find readers and inspire future authors. I hereby invite the authors to submit their works to us.*

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