

Editor's Word

Dear Readers,

You are holding the second issue of the *Strategos* journal for 2024. As the year draws to a close, the *Strategos* editorial team presents its readers with new and engaging articles, once again offering a wide range of topics.

Artificial intelligence (AI) is currently a highly relevant subject, applicable to a broad spectrum of activities, including its role as one of the most integrative conceptual practices in strategy development. This field demands the capacity to address the immense complexity of the world in which we operate. The article "*Potentials and Limitations of Artificial Intelligence in Strategy Development*" aims to explore whether the use of AI in strategy development raises significant questions.

Another contribution, "*Foundations of the Theory and Practice of Strategy*," examines how traditional military strategy theories align with contemporary challenges in national defense by comparing the views of selected strategy theorists.

The editorial team remains committed to regularly publishing articles related to the Croatian War of Independence in the journal's issues. One such work, "*Rebellion as Directed Political Violence: The Serbian Rebellion in Croatia in the 1990s*," discusses war as a mimetic and reciprocal activity. This paper analyzes rebellion as directed political violence orchestrated by leadership, whose primary task is to sever ties between people and their government while establishing the credibility of their movement—a key tool employed by the Yugoslav leadership.

The article "*Attack by the 5th Corps of the Yugoslav People's Army (JNA) on Western Slavonia in the Fall of 1991*" provides insights into the role of the 5th Corps of the JNA in the strategic plan for the attack on Croatia. It outlines the tasks, intentions, and strategies of the 5th Corps commanders in Western

Slavonia. The work also explains the role of the main combat force in the 5th Corps' primary offensive direction – the 343rd "R" Brigade of the JNA – on the Lipik-Pakrac battlefield in the fall of 1991, up until the arrival of the 104th ZNG Brigade from Varaždin.

In "The Impact of Military Activities on the Environment," the authors examine the relationship between security and environmental factors, as well as the environmental impact of military activities. The constantly growing interests and increasingly complex interdependence of security trends and environmental factors result in significant and unpredictable effects on the environment.

Once again, I recommend these articles from the joint publication of the University of Defence and Security and the Croatian Military Academy to our readers. I also encourage other authors to submit works from their areas of expertise. I believe that many authors will find the featured works useful as reference literature for their own research.

Editor-in-Chief

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