



Prof. Marcin Lason¹, Brigadier General Maciej Klisz², and Colonel Prof. Leszek Elak³ would like to welcome carefully selected authors to share their opinions and personal views on resilience, resistance, comprehensive defence/total defence. The publication under the working title "**The Total Defence 21st century.COM – building a resilient society**" is scheduled to be published in the journal "*Security: Theory and Practice*"⁴ in September 2022. The publication represents unique cooperation among the military and civilian entities and military and civilian academics: the Andrzej Frycz Modrzewski University, the War Studies University, and the Polish Territorial Defence Forces Command.

Resilience and total defence have become buzzwords recently. However, after Crimea's annexation, the unstable security situation compelled the major security institutions to enhance defense concepts and plans. In July 2016, during the NATO Summit in Warsaw, political leaders published a long communique where reinforcing collective defense, enhancing military capabilities, and strengthening resilience played a vital role. NATO pressed on strengthening the resilience and maintaining capabilities to resist any form of armed conflict, according to Article 3 of the NATO Treaty⁵. Subsequently, NATO Special Operations Headquarters (NSHQ) published the Comprehensive Defence Handbook in December 2020 to guide nations and decision-makers on enhancing and appropriately validating national defense capabilities.

European Union (EU) responded similarly to NATO. In April 2016, the EU offered Member States policies and instruments to play a crucial value-adding role in building awareness. That was to improve the resilience of the Member States to respond to common

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⁴ More information on the journal "*Security: Theory and Practice*": <https://btp.ka.edu.pl/en-main>.

⁵ NATO Summit in Warsaw, July 2016, https://www.nato.int/cps/en/natohq/official_texts_133169.htm

threats⁶. Also, in Poland, the deteriorating security situation in Eastern Europe stirred discussions on the political and strategic level. The National Security Strategy, signed by the President of Poland in May 2020, defines resilience as "*a system of common civic defence, making full use of the potential of the state and local government institutions, education and higher education entities, local communities, economic entities, non-governmental organizations, and citizens, which will provide comprehensive resilience of the state to non-military and military threats.*"

Therefore, the principal idea of the projected publication is to compile the subjective perspectives on methods and approaches to the substantial national security challenges, especially on the total defence/comprehensive defence approach, and enhancing national resilience. The considerable importance of that publication is the worldwide scope of authors (enrolled from both civilian environment and uniformed services), their knowledge, education, and professional experience. The authors expect their opinions on the total defence will be expressively different and unique because "*geography matters for the national security.*"

It is expected that the authors might examine strategic-level security documents and share their views on the most significant national challenges. However, the national, subjective approach of any individual author depicted in their papers and their perspective on the security challenges in upcoming years is critical. The overall framework of the planned publication will focus on the following concerns:

1. Taxonomy and theoretical approach to resilience, comprehensive defence/total defence
2. Family, educational system, society, and nation in building the comprehensive defence/total defence
3. The national models of the resilient society – examples from the other countries
4. The voluntary-based formation and the special operation forces – roles and missions in the comprehensive defence /total defence
5. Cyberspace, social media, disinformation, fake news – contemporary threats to the resilient society

That scope does not exclude other perspectives and approaches to the total defence/comprehensive defence and resilience. The editors remain open to the authors' proposals.

The editors strongly recommend examining the latest edition of the "*Security. Theory and Practise*" (link: <https://btip.ka.edu.pl/btip-2021-nr3/>). That enables the development of articles appropriately and efficiently implement the guidelines and citation style. To meet the highest standards, the articles will go through the double-blind peer-review process.

⁶ Joint Communication To The European Parliament And The Council, Joint Framework on countering hybrid threats a European Union response, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52016JC0018>

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