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# Security strategies in times of uncertainty: Introduction

We are pleased to present our readers with this recent issue of our journal “Security. Theory and Practice”. This time, it features a vast array of studies that look at issues related to security strategies.

The Articles and Materials section opens with the article by Wulf Lapins, entitled *EU-Strategien im Wandel von Zeit und Situation*, which offers a synthetic approach to the developed and implemented strategies of the European Union. The paper by Joachim Diez *Demography as a security strategy factor in Poland and the Russian Federation* focuses on the perception of demographic security in Poland and Russia as a major facet of social and state security. The author concludes that the Polish political narrative and the declared set of state goals focus more on the social sphere, while the Russian rhetoric and politics are more state-oriented. The contemporary rebuilding of the sphere of influence of the Russian Federation, covering the area of the so-called “near abroad”, has been scrutinised by Anna Jach in her article *A new “gathering of Russian lands”: Russia’s return to imperialism*. The author argues that from the very beginning, thanks to the use of the ancient Roman strategy of *divide et impera*, the Russian Federation has aimed to restore its hegemonic position on

the territory of the countries that together with it once formed the Soviet Union. Krystian Pachucki-Włosek, in his article *The Russian minority and the security of the Republic of Kazakhstan*, looks at the threats related to the large Russian minority in Kazakhstan, the actions taken by the Kazakh authorities – whose main goal has been to reduce the threat by reducing Russian influence in the country – and the consequences of these activities for the participation of ethnic Kazakhs in the socio-political life of the state. The policy of the Polish government towards the hard coal mining sector in the years 2015–2021 in the context of the European Union’s climate policy and the growing demand for energy resources of the Polish economy has been analysed by Małgorzata Kamola-Cieślak in her paper *The policy of the Polish government towards the hard coal mining sector after 2015*. The article discusses the assumptions of the government mine restructuring plan until 2049. Michał Paszkowski’s article *Polish-Norwegian cooperation in the field of energy security in the political thought of Prawo i Sprawiedliwość (PiS) and Platforma Obywatelska (PO)* looks at the main arguments formulated by the PiS (Law and Justice) and the PO (Civic Platform) politicians with regard to the construction of the Baltic Pipe gas pipeline, based on both parties’ interviews, policy papers, and manifestos – a project aimed at diversifying the sources and directions of natural gas supplies from Russia. In her study entitled *Defence policy of the Republic of Poland in the face of Russian aggression against Ukraine*, Natalia Adamczyk makes an attempt at assessing the assumptions of Poland’s defence policy and the country’s defence potential based on the modernisation schemes that are currently being implemented. The subject of Grzegorz Baziur’s article *Operation “Sluice”: The so-called migration crisis at the Polish-Belarusian border: an example of hybrid actions taken in the second half of 2021 as documented in the reports of the Polish Border Guard* revolves around the idea of the so-called “migration crisis”, which occurred along the Polish-Belarusian border from August to December 2021. This part of the journal ends with the article by Lutz Kleinwächter *On Germany’s security strategy at the “Zeitenwende”*, in which the author looks at Chancellor Olaf Scholz’s public announcement of a turning point in Germany’s foreign and security policy in response to Russia’s full-scale aggression against Ukraine.

In the section *From the History*, Paulina Stępniewska-Szydłowska, in her paper *The origin of the Turkish Armed Forces: Kemalism and the proclamation of the Turkish Republic*, analyses the role and significance of the proclamation of the Republic of Turkey and the principles of the Kemalism ideology in the creation of contemporary armed forces and civil-military relations in Turkey.

The *Varia* section contains an article co-authored by Patrycja Tyborowska and Katarzyna Walat entitled *Building civil society in post-1989 Poland by implementing the principle of openness of public life in non-governmental organisations in the Mazowieckie Voivodeship*, which deals with the selected issues concerning

the functioning of civil society in post-1989 Poland. In their study, the authors have attempted to show the relationship between the two basic elements of civil society – transparency in public life, i.e. access to information, and the activities of non-governmental organisations. The starting point for the considerations featured in the article are the results of surveys on the functioning of the right to access public information in non-governmental organisations operating in the Mazowieckie Region.

Varia-Forum features two articles published in WeltTrends No. 187, 2022 – August Pradetto's *Die Ukraine zwischen Neutralität und westlicher Allianz*, and Heinz Gärtner's *Österreichs Neutralität – Modell für die Ukraine?*

This issue of our journal ends with reviews of three publications (Reviews section): Parag Khanna, *Move. Das Zeitalter der Migration* (reviewed by Aleksandra Kruk), *NATO and Transatlantic Relations in the 21st Century: Foreign and Security Policy Perspectives*, ed. by Michele Testoni (Adrianna Grudzińska), Frédéric Gare, Jean-Loup Samaan, *The Indian Ocean as a New Political and Security Region* (Polina Khmilevska).

