

## EDITORIAL

### **AN EDUCATED AND LRESPONSIBLE MAN NEEDS TO AND HAS TO BE A MORAL MAN – EDUCATION AND SCIENCE SHOULD PRECLUDE ACADEMIC FREAKS AND MEDIOCRITIES**

Dear readers and authors, it is our honor and pleasure to present you the thirty-fifth issue of your and our journal *Defendology*. For the last seventeen years, with the same enthusiasm and belief in the power of written word, scientific thought, critical deliberation of social reality on the trail of Horkheimer critical theory and belief that the educational and research activity are the key components of social progress – the editorial staff of *Defendology* continues its work. As is it known, *Defendology* is a journal of the European *Defendology* Center for Scientific, Political, Economic, Social, Security, Sociological and Criminological Research. The European *Defendology* Center is a research organization established in 1997 which deals with social researches, organizing scientific conferences, round tables, publishing activity and all the other forms of scientific, educational and professional work. From its establishment until now, the European *Defendology* Center has become recognized not only in the Republic of Srpska and Bosnia and Herzegovina, but also in broader international frameworks through scientific, educational and professional cooperation with scientific and professional institutions. Today, by looking at the achieved results, we can proudly say that the European *Defendology* Center is woven in the history of this region as an objective, unbiased observer and interpreter of social events, unburdened with ideological conformism and political preferences. We remain faithful to the idea of science, profession and truth. The Latin saying goes **“History is the evidence of time, the light of truth, the life of memory, the directress of life, the herald of antiquity.”** (*Historia est testis temporum, lux veritas, vita memoriae, magistra vitae, nuntia vetustatis*) It is through our endeavors that we wish to leave as a cultural heritage for the future generations the thoughts and work of one time and a message that society made up of diversity is built only through dialogue and tolerance, mutual respect, rule of the law, and not through exclusivity, intolerance, open hatred, primitivism, nepotism, political and human incorrectness. In times of devaluation of social values as the consequences of political, economic, cultural, moral and other forms of crisis, in times of social stagnation and erosion in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the critical thought on society and social chances is the last hope that the idea of a more just society is possible, by offering concrete views and ways for overcoming numerous social problems.

This issue portrays papers on different topics taking into account the multifaceted character of the Journal. The topics reflect on the conflict in the Balkans with special view on Macedonia. The matter of conflict in the Balkans region has always been a pres-

ent and challenging topic, especially considering that a subjective approach to this problem is not uncommon and that research results often depend on the ideological views of the author. There is a paper which analyzes the conflict in Bosnia and Herzegovina, it critically and argumentatively questions the possibility of demilitarization in Bosnia and Herzegovina prompting the key question whether it is Utopia or reality. Due to the lack of meaning of life and no perspectives for the young, lack of general framework of belief and orientation, a question regarding the influence of destructive sects and cults which are appealing to the young arises. This problem is at the heart of the next paper. The subsequent paper elaborates the influence of social capital on the development of democracy. The trust and connection between different social groups is a very important topic viewed in the Bosnia and Herzegovina context. Research into social capital in politically, ethnically and religiously divided societies has its scientific and practical significance. In the end, two papers shed light on the content analysis method in press analysis and sport. It is clear that diversities and different approaches are affluence not a handicap. We continue to nourish this approach, the academic fight which will restore the glow to science and education that was once lost in times of today's inopportunity. We will fight for a new world, a pleasant world where man will be given a chance to work, the young a future, and the old age security. The dictators have freed themselves and enslaved the people. We fight to free the people, to abolish national barriers, greed, crime, corruption, hatred and intolerance. We fight for a reasonable world, a world of honesty, justice, science, education and progress which will bring happiness to all. **In the name of democracy, better life, in the upcoming parliamentary elections in the Republic of Srpska and Bosnia and Herzegovina, let us all unite on the way to freedom, justice, truth and honesty.** Let us not allow for science and education to become cynical and the intellect heartless, let us not allow for greed to consume our soul and lead us to suffer. We all need HUMANITY... **Deceptions are evanescence, dictators die, and the power taken away from the people needs to and has to be given back to the people...**

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