

EDITORIAL

JUBILEE 18 YEARS OF DEFENDOLOGY – scientific, publishing and educational creation...

Dear readers, esteemed academic workers and experts, lovers of the written word, we present you the new issue of Defendology no 36, scientific journal for protection, security, defense, education and training. This year the European Defendology Center celebrates 18 years of successful work and development. It has been full eighteen years since the first issue of our journal. **Consistency, continuity, academic standards, multidiscipline and current topics, both English and Serbian issue**, international editing – have made Defendology recognizable in international circles, region and wider. In the years behind us, **authors discussed different topics** in the field of science, profession, education, military, police, security services, terrorism, civil society, democracy, war, peace, NGOs, ethnic conflicts, reconciliation, political culture, dialogue, tolerance, social crisis, international relations, transition, poverty, unemployment, conflicts, sports and violence in sports, hate speech, globalization, geopolitics, human rights and freedoms, freedom of the press, parliamentary control of the military, police and security agencies, human trafficking, corruption, crime, juvenile delinquency, drug addiction and a series of other topics in the fields such as defendology, sociology, criminology, conflictology, law, economy, psychology, politology, etc. This issue provides **a variety of topic for readers** such as modern security challenges, public governance, social resilience and sustainability and methodology of social sciences. Social crises, conflicts, wars, natural disasters, social upheaval impose the need to approach the role of the military forces in crises. The cooperation between military and civil institutions generates numerous questions regarding efficient model of crisis management. The following topic covers the issue of private security agencies in modern world. Global social changes have reflected themselves onto the security sector in the form of rising trends of private security services and expansion of private security agencies. In addition to social justification it is necessary to critically approach their role, legal framework, control and specifically address abuse of force and violation of human rights, which is the negative epiphenomenon in the expansion of the private security sector. In the subsequent papers readers will learn about public governance. They address the issue of local self-government which is the key segment to the survival and development of social community. Absence of good and efficient local self-government leads to unsuccessful legal and democratic society. Special attention is given to the conformity of regulation and functioning of the units of local self-gov-

ernment in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the European Charter on Local Self-Government and the documents of the Council of Europe. The next paper in the public governance rubric gives an overview of the models of governing for the improvement of local economic development. The following paper deals with social resilience and sustainability. Climate changes and dramatic rise of urban environment in the world impose the question of how social communities address these problems. The paper puts emphasis on the concept of social sustainability and theories of social resilience for the purpose of defining the traits of resilient communities and their will to face great social changes and natural disasters. The last paper in this issue copes with the methodology of social sciences with special focus on current methodological concepts of Max Weber. The paper provides a critical overview of frequent unfounded interpretations which regard the legacy of classical sociology obsolete. There is a commonly held view that Defendology is the result of our necessity, protection, security and defense, survival, freedom, development... It has given birth to many **critical intellectuals**, those who have contributed to the scientific thought and are **ready to pay the price and bear great sacrifices in the name of life of truth and freedom**. This is the only way of becoming part of the **movement of critical intellectuals, creative intellectuals, and not cheaters**. In the last 18 years authors of the publishing activity Defendology, among others, have given contribution to the foundation, scientific and educational form of **Defendology as the science of security studies, protection, security and defense**. What they wrote, everything they had to say and promote, **the acts they did and the goals they fought for** are invaluable, universal, and they always make Defendology attractive, as can be seen, not only to the Serbian people but to other nations as well, minority groups, states, regions and the world. Many authors, academic workers grew alongside with Defendology, they progressed from assistants to university professors, they passed on knowledge down to our spiritual heritage and the public in general. They became as strong as steel, offered good and best social and state solutions..., with argumentative confirmation and commitment let them thus in the spirit of Dante boldly continue in the future... **We should support people who think differently, who speak the truth for the greater good, for when everybody thinks the same thing, or just one does the thinking or no one does it...**

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