

PREFACE

As Deputy Chief of Staff of the HDF and Chair of the HDF General Staff Scientific Research Centre, I proudly present the latest special issue of our scientific journal, *Defence Review*, which is a young sprout of *Honvédségi Szemle*, and still is a very vivid professional English language forum on military and security policy topics. In this special issue we are presenting not only the studies of our military servicemen but also papers from research fellows and colleagues.

As the global crises reach the European continent, NATO and the European Union are called to prepare and present an appropriate response to these challenges. In the first section, our authors examine contemporary migration in a legal context, as *István Harkai* helps clarify all the terminology in the Hungarian and European legal systems in connection with the migration crisis. Radicalism is what inspired *György Nógrádi* and *Álmos Péter Kiss* to analyse the Balkans changes, and its effects on Austria. *Bianka Speidl* and *Abdessamad Belhaj* open a very interesting question examining the Shíí and Sunni clashes in Western Europe. As there is a serious conflict in our Eastern neighbourhood, *Endre Szénási* is summarizing the foreign fighters' role in the Russian-Ukrainian crisis.

There are many conflicts in – geographically – distant regions (such as Africa and the Middle-East) that might seriously influence the European security. I highly recommend the summary of the EU peacekeeping attempts in Africa written by *Mariann Vecsey* and a very well-based analysis of counterterrorism operations in North Africa by *Carlos Ruiz Miguel*. As we look to more distant shores, *Csaba Barnabás Horváth*, a research fellow of the General Staff Scientific Research Centre, presents an excellent report on Australian-Indian-Japanese-US international connections in the Asian region, as does *Fruzsina Simigh* on the Uighur question in China and its connections with the so-called Islamic State.

We should not ignore the results of the recent professional forums like CIOR, UN Chiefs of Defence Conference, or the NATO Warsaw Summit. Besides the short report of these events, we can read in-depth evaluations on the effects of these conferences.

Considering the wide-ranging content of the recent compilation, I am proudly presenting this issue and warmly welcome all our colleagues' future papers on the topic of military science and security policy in order to enhance a more extensive professional discussion both at national and international levels.

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