

## Dear Reader

It is our pleasure to present this unique publication – composed of papers written by talented young American students – participants in the Summer School Program “Security and Society in the Information Age” and by experts cooperating with the Terrorism Research Center at Collegium Civitas University in Warsaw, Poland.

The Summer School Program “Security and Society in the Information Age” is organized in Warsaw jointly by Collegium Civitas and SRAS (USA). The Program aims to present global topics from the unique perspective of Central and Eastern Europe. Courses devoted to a wide range of history and security issues are designed with the region serving as a case study. They are taught in English and are aimed at ambitious students who are eager to really engage in and out of the classroom.

The participants are also given the opportunity to embark on a research internship in Warsaw. During the internship the students are invited to work on their own research project, supervised by an academic mentor. The interns conduct research, interviews, analysis, attend events and meetings with experts and professionals.

This book is the result of the internship program held in summer 2018 at the Terrorism Research Center which is one of the leading think-tanks in Poland with renowned experts participating in projects conducted by the Center. The main thematic focus of the internship was the changing paradigm in security. The interns looked at such important issues as cybersecurity, the prevention of mass shootings and active shooter situations through education and awareness programs, radicalization and recruitment to terrorist organizations, the role of the mass media in shaping public opinion on terrorism, the condition of democracy in the age of fake news, the evolution of modern terrorism and many more.

The authors paint in this book a complex picture of security issues facing modern societies. However, it is not only an analysis of the serious security problems in today’s interconnected world. The contributors look for solutions and the papers are accompanied by recommendations for administration, policy makers and for each of us – living in modern societies confronted with various security threats.

We hope you will find the book interesting and valuable and we cordially invite you to learn more about “Security and Society in the Information Age” programming at [www.securityandsociety.org](http://www.securityandsociety.org).

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