Dear Reader,

It is our pleasure to present this unique publication composed of papers written by talented young American students who participated in the Program "Security and Society in the Information Age" in 2019 at Collegium Civitas University in Warsaw, Poland.

The Program "Security and Society in the Information Age" is organized in Warsaw jointly by Collegium Civitas and SRAS (USA). Composed of summer school courses and semester or academic year study abroad opportunities, it aims at presenting 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 at the Terrorism Research Center. Founded in 2006, the Terrorism Research Center (TRC) is a research unit within Collegium Civitas. The Center is one of the leading think-tanks in Poland with renowned experts participating in projects conducted by the Center. The main fields of activity include scientific research, analytical undertakings as well as education and raising awareness about security issues in the society. TRC focuses on a wide range of issues surrounding international terrorism and how to combat it, as well as on the impact of those phenomena on the functioning of the state and its citizens, both in the public and private sectors.

During the internship, the students are invited to work on their own research project, supervised by academic mentors. The interns conduct research, interviews, analysis, attend events and meet with experts and professionals.

This book is the result of the 2019 internship program at the Terrorism Research Center. The interns explored a variety of important security issues facing modern societies:

Meghan Lovett (University of Texas, Austin) analyzed the "Growing Threat of the Alt-Right"; **Gar Lovejoy (University of Pittsburgh)** looked "Inside the Dark Web"; **Alex Thompson (Miami University)** focused on the "Increasing Use of Post-Truth and Fake News in Political Discourse"; **Kayla Ritchie (The University of Tennessee)** posed the question "How Social Constructions are utilized in the Securitization of Migration"; **Mara Royse (University of Texas, Austin)** analyzed a case study on "Cultivating Children for War"; **Brendon Fujisawa (California State University, Fresno**) examined whether there is an "Effect of Rodrigo Duterte's Policies on the Rise of Terror"; **Albert James Contreras (University of Texas, El Paso)** investigated the issue of the "Return of European Foreign fighters from Iraq and Syria"; Mason Connor Shuya **(University of Texas, El Paso)** analyzed the topic of "Mobilizing the Population in Reaction to Russian Aggression"; Seth Kraman **(Miami University)** examined the "Guidance Required for Protections of Cyber Participation in Hostilities Under International Humanitarian Law"; **Eric Nesbitt (Michigan State University)** looked at "The Scope of Cryptocurrency in the Information Age" and **Andrew Holub (Oakland University)** worked on "An Introduction to Human Evolved Psychology and Political Violence: Implications for Future Directions in Research and Practice".

The contributors paint in this book a complex picture of security challenges in today's interconnected world. It is not merely an analysis of the issues; the authors look for solutions and the papers are accompanied by recommendations for administration, policy makers and for each of us living in modern societies and 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.

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