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It is our pleasure to present the first scholarly volume “International Security Studies” bringing together a unique series of research papers by international students of Collegium Civitas university, Warsaw, Poland. The contributors to this volume are representatives of various programs available for students in Collegium Civitas – from the European Erasmus+ program to the “Security and Society in the Information Age” summer school program dedicated for students from the U.S. universities.

International Security Studies at Collegium Civitas are designed to train future leaders in the field of security, who will be prepared to effectively face the ever changing security challenges in the interconnected world of today. This master’s degree program is implemented under the auspices of the Terrorism Research Center – a leading think-tank and a research unit within Collegium Civitas.

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Throughout the program the participants have worked on own research papers – analyzing a selected security issue of their interest – under the supervision of mentors from the Terrorism Research Center. The security

issues analyzed in this volume include terrorism, hybrid threats, environmental security, threats to human rights. The authors looked for solutions and included recommendations for law enforcement, policy makers and scholars.

Our young Authors have explored issues from infodemic – pandemic of disinformation (Michał Paweła) to the significance of women in international peacekeeping missions (Loise Wachira); from perspectives for the use of drones in security issues (Rauan Zhaksybergen) to issues of evolution of the right to privacy in times of COVID-19 crisis (Dao Thi Nguyet); from Islamist terrorism in the French context (Cédric Ménissier) to environmental security (Yuliia Harashchenko); from Chinese securitized information strategy in support of military-civil fusion (Jefferson T. Stamp) to terrorism (Mykola Blashkiv) and sexual consent (Khrystyna Pelchar).

We hope you will find this book interesting and valuable and we invite you to learn more about activities of Collegium Civitas at: www.civitas.edu.pl/en

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